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On important visit Schmidt due April 27

BONN, April 21 (AP) — Chancellor Helmut Schmidt travels Monday to Saudi Arabia on an important visit. He will become the third major Western official to visit Saudi Arabia this month. U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig visited Riyadh April 7 and he was followed by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Saudi Arabia has expressed interest in buying some 300 German-built Leopard II tanks and other armored vehicles. No formal request to purchase the weapons has been made, West German officials insist, although they conceded the Kingdom has expressed interest in the equipment.

So far this year, West German firms have landed 10 billion marks (\$5 billion) worth of orders from Arab countries with a record 28 billion mark (\$14 billion) current accounts deficit last year, the West Germans are eager for new foreign markets.

Finance Minister Hans Matthoefter issued a statement over the weekend declaring that "the traditional, friendly contacts between West Germany and Saudi Arabia have developed further in the past years."

Schmidt will remain in Saudi Arabia until April 29, when he travels to nearby Abu Dhabi for a two day visit. He returns to Bonn on April 30.



Chancellor Helmut Schmidt

Kuwaitis see no Soviet scheming in Gulf area

KUWAIT, April 21 (AP) — A Kuwait newspaper said Tuesday the forthcoming visit to the Soviet Union by the Kuwaiti foreign minister proves that the Russians are not scheming against the Gulf region, as alleged by the Americans. The minister, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, who is also deputy premier, will become the first senior Arab minister from one of the Gulf Arab region to visit the Soviet Union when he departs for Moscow Thursday.

"The visit is of remarkable importance in the Arab and international field for its timing and the country that took the initiative," said the *Arab Times* in an editorial.

"Sheikh Sabah's visit to Moscow will show that Russia is not harboring any aggressive intentions toward the Gulf states as claimed repeatedly by American and British officials as a pretext to interfere in the region's internal affairs," the paper added.

"Kuwait believes that security and oil issues are clear and there is no need for any dialogue about them," the paper said.

"The Soviets are also called upon to show goodwill toward the Arabs by exporting arms and technology and working more seriously for the regaining of Arab rights in Palestine," the *Arab Times* said.

Government sources said the main topics to be discussed during Sheikh Sabah's visit to Moscow will be the declaration by Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev for the stability of the Gulf region, the U.S. efforts to establish a military presence in the area, the Iran-Iraq war and the Arab-Israeli problem.

In another development, Kuwait's parliament Tuesday approved a government-sponsored bill for extending a loan to Iraq to help it rehabilitate the country's devastated economy, parliamentary sources said Tuesday.

The sources, who did not wish to be identified, did not reveal the exact figure of the loan but earlier reports put it at \$2 billion. The National Assembly held an ordinary session Tuesday morning, but later the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah asked for a closed-door session, to debate the loan bill.

Iraq's Finance Minister Thamer Razouki had Monday denied his government was seeking any loans. This followed a report in Kuwait's conservative *Al Rai Al-Am* newspaper last week that four Arabian Gulf states had pledged a total of \$14 billion in loans to Iraq.

Thatcher leaves; Kingdom asserts viewpoint

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, April 21 — Saudi Arabia Tuesday night reaffirmed its view that security in the Gulf is the responsibility of the people of the area and declared that peace in the whole Middle East chiefly depends on settling the Arab-Israeli dispute, and the Palestinian problem.

A Foreign Ministry statement followed a press conference by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher at the end of a visit here when she repeated her support for the idea of a U.S.-led rapid deployment force. Mrs. Thatcher said however there was no question of it being used where it was not wanted.

The ministry's statement issued after Mrs. Thatcher left for the United Arab Emirates reiterated that the Saudi Arabian position that "a just settlement of the Palestine problem is the main element in the stability and security of the Middle East."

It said: "The security of the Gulf is an integral part of the security of this region and its security is the responsibility of its people."

The unilateral statement said Crown Prince Fahd had stressed to Mrs. Thatcher the importance of an urgent Middle East settlement, making clear Saudi Arabia wanted this to be on the basis of Israeli withdrawal from occupied lands including Jerusalem and the recognition of the national rights of the Palestinian people of self-determination.

It said Prince Fahd has also stressed a settlement should be made through the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

It said that the crown prince hoped a tenation European community initiative on the Middle East would contribute to an early settlement especially during the period when Britain will hold the presidency of the community.

The statement said that talks with Mrs. Thatcher "were held in a cordial atmosphere and frankness," and that "the two sides reviewed bilateral relations, the problems of the Middle East and Palestine and current world developments."

"Crown Prince Fahd stressed the importance of finding a just and earlier solution to the Middle East and Palestine problems on the basis of Israeli withdrawal from all Arab and Palestinian territories occupied in 1967 including Jerusalem," the statement said.

Later Tuesday Mrs. Thatcher arrived in Abu Dhabi on the second leg of her tour of Gulf Arab states.

She was met at Abu Dhabi airport by Sheikh Rashid Bin Sa'ed Al-Maktoum, ruler of Dubai.

After a brief official reception ceremony at the airport, Mrs. Thatcher and her entourage were driven to a downtown hotel. She will be hosted later at a state banquet by UAE Ruler Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al-Nahyan.

At her press conference in Riyadh, Mrs. Thatcher expressed Britain's readiness to sell the Kingdom arms.

"I have made it clear we would be happy to supply certain things. We would be happy to supply tanks. We would like more orders," Mrs. Thatcher told a news conference before leaving Riyadh for the United Arab Emirates on the next stage of her Gulf tour. A Saudi Arabian reporter asked her to comment on propaganda attempts to persuade the West not to sell arms to the Gulf.

"I am happy to tell you that I am not usually persuaded by propaganda of that kind," Mrs. Thatcher said. The prime minister spoke of the warmth of her welcome in Saudi Arabia and insights gained into its view on the Arab-Israeli dispute, while adding that she did not expect much movement on that until after the Israeli elections and completion of a review of U.S. Middle East policy by the Reagan administration.

Saudi Arabia believes that the best way to ease tensions in the Middle East would be for the West to show progress toward a settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute, Saudi Arabian sources said. Britain is promoting a 10-nation European Community initiative which would involve the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in peace talks if, in return for Israeli recognition of Palestinians' right to self-determination, the PLO recognized Israel's right to exist behind secure borders.

Mrs. Thatcher said the difficulty was to get simultaneous declarations by the two, adding it might help "even if there were recognition by the Palestinians of the right to exist, conditional on withdrawal from the territory."

She was also asked if she had promoted the Anglo-German Tornado multi-role combat aircraft. She said Britain was considering design of a newer airplane for the 1990s which would be the first designed with the ideas of potential foreign buyers in mind.

She said: "Two or three pieces of technology in Tornado" interested Saudi Arabia, in the context of the proposed follow-on aircraft.



DEPARTS: British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is seen off at Riyadh airport Tuesday afternoon by Crown Prince Fahd, picture below Mrs. Thatcher waves to officials as she boards the aircraft for Abu Dhabi.

In south Lebanon Clashes intensify; 5 killed

SIDON, Lebanon, April 21 (R) — Rocket and artillery bombardments intensified in south Lebanon Tuesday afternoon. First reports said at least five persons were killed and more than 15 wounded.

Official sources said the fighting, after a morning in which residents reported "only intermittent explosions, extended from Nabatiyeh to the Mediterranean towns of Tyre and Sidon. The new fighting took the casualty toll in the last 48 hours in south Lebanon and Beirut to 27 dead and more than 85 injured, the sources said.

Residents in Nabatiyeh said scores of shells and rockets were falling in the area as Palestinian and Lebanese nationalist forces battled rightist militia men supported by Israeli gunners. The residents said shelling extended to at least 10 villages round the market town.

Tyre was shelled for the second day running and three Israeli shells were aimed at Sidon. Residents said that two of them landed in the sea. Palestinian sources said commando forces had been put on full alert in Tyre, Nabatiyeh and Sidon.

The thunder of artillery echoed across the rugged southern region and could be heard distinctly in the port of Sidon, where 17 persons were killed and more than 30 wounded on Easter Sunday during an artillery barrage by militia forces of Maj. Saad Haddad. His Christian militia controls a strip of territory along the border with Israel and has extensive Israeli military and financial backing, according to Western diplomatic sources in Beirut.

In Tel Aviv, an Israeli military spokesman said two Israelis were injured when artillery shells and rockets fired from south Lebanon landed in the upper Galilee area. The Israeli airforce, following up an extensive air strike on Palestinian commando positions in south Lebanon Sunday, reappeared Tuesday but there were no reports of fresh strikes. As the fighting flared, cars toured the streets of Nabatiyeh and Tyre calling for blood donors.

In Beirut, sporadic artillery fire swelled in the afternoon and there were bursts of heavy mortar and machinegun exchanges along the Green Line which has divided the city since the 1975-76 civil war. Several shells landed round Beirut International Airport for the

second day running after Works and Transport Minister Elias Harawi announced it would be reopened.

Syria Tuesday called on the Lebanese authorities to move against the Falangist Party, which it described as the source of the unrest. An article in *Al-Baath*, newspaper of the ruling Baath Party in Damascus, said the Lebanese government should assume its responsibility and issue orders to the ADF to destroy the source of tension: "The Falangist gangs' link to the Israeli enemy no longer needs proof," the paper said. "They move every time to explode the situation in Lebanon when Israel takes the decision."

In the past 10 days Israel has repeatedly announced its backing for the Falangists and some Lebanese sources have linked the latest unrest to the campaign for the Israeli elections due on June 30th. The 30,000-strong ADF has been stationed in Lebanon under Arab League mandate since the civil war period.

The Lebanese government made no comment on *Al-Baath's* remarks. But President Elias Sarkis and Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan had talks about ways of ending the fighting. They met members of a national reconciliation committee, which will make contacts with all sides involved. Sarkis also met Kuwaiti Ambassador Abdul-Hamid Al-Bejjani. Kuwait has proposed a round-table conference to be attended by all parties interested in the Lebanese conflict. The ambassador told reporters that no moves had been decided on so far.

Secretary General Kurt Waldheim has expressed concern over renewed fighting in Lebanon and urged all concerned to exercise restraint. A statement issued by a U.N. spokesman referred to incidents during the week-end "including, in particular, the indiscriminate shelling of Sidon by the de facto forces following a serious incident in the enclave involving the explosion of a mine." "De facto forces" is the U.N. term for the Israeli-backed Maj. Haddad's forces.

In Washington the U.S. State Department has reiterated an appeal for all parties in the Lebanon dispute to use restraint to curb continuing violence.

2 workers die in Dubai blast

DUBAI, April 21 (AP) — An explosion ripped off a ninth story service elevator in Dubai's Hyatt Regency Hotel Monday, 48 hrs before British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's scheduled arrival here in the use of her Arabian peninsula tour.

Police said two hotel employees were killed and several others wounded in the blast. A cause of which could not yet be determined. Mrs. Thatcher, who is due in the UAE capital of Abu Dhabi Tuesday evening, will proceed to visit Dubai Wednesday. Dubai is the main port of the UAE.

A British embassy spokesman in Dubai said no reason to connect the explosion with Mrs. Thatcher's visit. "The Hyatt Regency is not, and never was, on the prime minister's scheduled tour," the spokesman said.

He said, however, the embassy was keeping in close touch with the local police about the matter.

"Mrs. Thatcher's visit is still going ahead," he said. "Unless the police advises us differently as a result of its investigation."

The Dubai police issued the following statement: "An official source in the Dubai police announced that an explosive device exploded at 14.55 yesterday, Monday, the 20 April in the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dubai.

"The explosion occurred in one of the services lifts while two of the hotel employees were carrying a large suitcase. It is believed that the device was hidden in the suitcase."

"The explosion caused the death of the two employees whose names were given as Tahra Sendarnad aged 45 and Nur Najmidin Muhammed aged 27, both of Sri Lanka nationality. A third person suffered medium level injuries, Manila Odishikan aged 26 and also from Sri Lanka. He was taken to hospital." "Some damage occurred in the hotel."

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Neumann named next U.S. envoy

By Bob Lebling
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 21 — Robert Neumann, who headed the Reagan transition team at the State Department, has been formally nominated to be America's new ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

Neumann, former U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan and Morocco, was unofficially selected for his new post months ago, but his official nomination, along with those of other new envoys, has been delayed pending the scheduling of Senate confirmation hearings for the State Department's regional assistant secretaries.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has decided to proceed with the hearings, which began Tuesday. The delay in scheduling has been attributed to political opposition by Republican Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina, who has pressed for the appointment of staunch conservatives as regional assistant secretaries.

Neumann, a highly regarded Middle East specialist, was officially nominated to be ambassador to Saudi Arabia Monday. Senate confirmation hearings for the Reagan administration's nominee as assistant secret-

U.S. offers 5-year plan to Pakistan

WASHINGTON, April 21 (R) — Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi said Tuesday the Reagan administration had offered Pakistan a five-year program of military and economic assistance. (Earlier story on back page.)

Neither he nor Secretary of State Alexander Haig would disclose the estimated cost of the program, saying further talks would be necessary. "I believe we have moved forward in developing the U.S.-Pakistani relationship on a durable basis," Shahi told reporters as he and Haig emerged after talks.

The Reagan administration was reported earlier to have proposed a \$500 million a year program of assistance to Pakistan, which borders Afghanistan where the Soviet Union intervened in 1979.

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By Bob Lebling
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Commerce Ministry issues new decree

By Muair Muhammad Ali

JEDDAH, April 21 — A ministerial decree issued on March 31 regulates the statute of commercial agencies — explaining registration procedures, the method for enforcing and implementing rules, rights and obligations of commercial agents and distributors.

The new statute protects the consumer's interests in the procurement of spare parts and other services at reasonable costs. Following is an "unofficial" translation of the ministerial decree as published by the official gazette *Ummal Qura*.

Ministerial decree number 1897 dated 24/5/1401 H (30/3/1981) about the issuance of the Commercial Agencies statute regulations.

The Minister of Commerce, based on the Commerce Ministry specialities rules issued by Council of Ministers' decision number 66 of 6/4/1374 (1954); and the Commercial Agencies regulations issued by Royal Decree number 11 of 20/2/1382 (1962) and adjusted by Royal Decrees number 5 of 11/6/1389 (1969) and number 32 of 10/8/1400 (1980) and based on the requirements of public interest; and with the authority he has, he decides the following:

Article I
This Commercial Agencies Statute Regulations are issued in the enclosed format.

Article II

This decision will be published in the official gazette and will be enforced one month after the date of publication. Concerned parties are instructed to implement it.

Commerce Minister
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The Commercial Agencies Statute Regulations

SECTION ONE: General Rules

Article I

It is meant by commercial agencies concerned in the application of the commercial agencies statute regulations anyone who contracts with a manufacturer, or a representative of the manufacturer in his country, to deal in all commercial businesses if he is an agent or distributor in any form of agency or distribution, in his return to profit, commission or facilities of any nature. That includes marine, air or land transportation agencies or any other agency to be approved by a decision of the commerce minister.

The agent or distributor has the right to contract with local distributors, in the region of his agency, provided that the main agent or distributor be responsible for the commitments imposed by regulations in dealing with the consumer. Regarding service agency coming under the foreign contract and Saudi Arabian agent relations regulations, it is subject to all rules of the said regulations issued under the Royal Decree number M/2 of 20/1/1398 (1987).

Article II
Non-Saudi Arabians are not allowed to be commercial agents in the Kingdom, whether statutory or moral persons. The Saudi Arabian companies' capital must be fully Saudi Arabian and members of their boards of directors or other persons who have the authority to represent the companies should be Saudi Arabians.

Article III

Without failing to fulfill the regulations and instructions in regard to ensuring maintenance and spare parts, the agent or distributor, during the period of his agency and one year after its expiration or the appointment of a new agency whichever comes first, must commit himself to the following:

1. To provide permanently spare parts demanded by consumers regularly at reasonable prices for the products of concern. The agent or distributor should also ensure spare parts rarely demanded by consumers during a period of no more than 30 days on demand.

2. To ensure necessary maintenance service for the products at reasonable prices and guarantee good quality along with conditions of manufactures, taking into consideration the standard specifications in the Kingdom. The rules of these two items apply to importers even if they are not agents or distributors and any other person engaged in direct sales or through intermediaries for the purpose of profits. Offenders are subject to the sanctions

applied to agents and distributors.

3. Respect of the conditions and situation of guarantee documents presented by the manufacturer in regard to the products concerned in the agency contract.

4. Documents on the original prices of origin for the products should be preserved at the place where they are sold, in addition to insurance, shipping, transportation and customs expenses.

Article IV

The commercial agent or distributor must commit that his papers, contracts, advertisements and official invoices carry his name, address, the type of agency and region of operation, and registration number in the commercial agencies register and commercial registration.

Article V

The commercial agent or distributor must enable inspectors to carry out their duty and to cooperate with them in the context of these regulations.

SECTION TWO: Registration Rules

Article VI

Persons not registered in the register of commercial agencies of the Commerce Ministry are not allowed to act as commercial agents or distributors. Application for registration should be forwarded within three months from the date the agreement goes into effect. Applications should be accompanied by drafted documents for registration and addressed to the deputy commerce minister or branches of the commerce ministry. The branches will despatch the application to the deputy minister to study the viability of the agreement and documents by concerned departments.

Article VII

It is not allowed to register non-Saudi Arabians or any person whose documents do not comply with the commercial agencies and distributors statute regulations.

A person whose application is rejected can seek redress from the commerce minister one month after being advised of the reasons for the rejection. The application will be recon-

sidered on the light of the reasons for the redress and the commerce minister's decision is considered final.

Article VIII

The commercial agency and distribution registration form contains the following:

1. Name of the commercial agent or distributor whether an individual or a company.
2. The number of the main or branch commercial registration of the applicant for the commercial agency or distribution registration.
3. Address of the commercial agent or distributor.

4. Name of the person who manages the place and signs on its behalf.

5. Types and categories of the products services mentioned in the agency agreement.

6. Name of the manufacturer and nationality.

7. Address of the manufacturer's office.

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During Riyadh conference

Sports games statutes reviewed

By Ahmad Shaaban

RIYADH, April 21 — Islamic officials wound up a two-day conference at the Intercontinental Hotel here Tuesday to adopt the statute of a nascent Confederation of Islamic Solidarity Games. The statute was prepared by the Youth Welfare Organization on behalf of the government of Saudi Arabia.

The nine countries attending the meeting were Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, the United Arab Emirates, Gambia, Gabon, Somalia, Tunisia and Turkey. Iraq was absent.

The idea of creating such a federation was sponsored by Turkey and Bangladesh during the fifth session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs held in Conakry, Guinea, in January 1980. It

was then approved by the 11th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in Islamabad in May, 1980. The conference agreed in principle to establish the institution for the holding of games on a periodical basis and asked the secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to form an experts group. The latter met in Jeddah last November and requested the government of Saudi Arabia to prepare the statute of the proposed confederation.

The Islamabad conference also welcomed the offer made by Turkey to conduct the first games in connection with the advent of the 15th century of the Hijrah (migration of the Holy Prophet from Makkah to Medina). The games took place in Izmir in September 1980 and were a resounding success. They brought together youths from various parts of the Islamic world and will be held on a regular

basis once every four years. The Third Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah/Taif last January confirmed the Islamabad conference resolution regarding the creation of the confederation.

Now the confederation's statute will be ratified by the 12th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers which will meet in Baghdad, June 1-6, 1981. Once this is done, the confederation's general assembly comprising all OIC member states will meet and proclaim the birth of the confederation.

The meeting here was chaired by Sheikh Othman Muhammad Saad, vice president of the Youth Welfare Organization representing Saudi Arabia. Bangladesh's delegate, Shah Jahan, and Gambia's delegate Omar Sey, acted as first and second vice chairmen, while Prof. Anwar Chowdhury of Pakistan was the rapporteur and chairman of the drafting committee.

Saudi book show

TUNIS, April 21 (SPA) — Bashir ibn Salama, Tunisia's cultural affairs minister, Monday evening opened a Saudi book exhibition at the Living Arts Center here. The inauguration was attended by Muhammad Al-Saad, the Saudi charge d'affaires in Tunisia; Dr. Abdullah Al-Hussain, director of foreign scholarships at the Higher Education Ministry in Saudi Arabia; and a large number of intellectuals and diplomats.

Books on all fields of human endeavor, as well as literature, critics, jurisprudence and Islamic Legislation are on display at the exhibition organized by the Higher Education Ministry. Saudi universities and literary clubs as well as King Abdul Aziz Publishing House are participating with books.



Prince Salman

Rahman honored

RIYADH, April 21 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman gave a dinner Monday in honor of Musazzur Rahman, Bangladesh's interior minister, and his accompanying delegation. The dinner was attended by Interior Minister Prince Naif; Riyadh Deputy Governor Prince Sattam; Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmad; and other officials.

Mosque role praised

LEFKOSA, April 21 (SPA) — Rauf Denktaş, president of the Turkish Federated State of Kibris (Cyprus), Monday hailed the Makkah-based Muslim World League and the World Supreme Council of Mosques for their role in training the Imams of mosques throughout the world.

In his opening address of an Imam training seminar here organized by the league, Denktaş urged lecturers to abide by the true teachings of Islam and propagate them.

The one-month seminar is jointly organized by the general secretariat of the World Supreme Council of Mosques, the cultural affairs department in Turkey, and the Regional Council for Mosques in Kibris.

Of rare manuscripts

Pakistan prepares exhibit

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 21 — A Pakistani official is now in the Kingdom arranging to collect rare manuscripts for an international exhibition of Islamic books and manuscripts to be held in Karachi, according to Pakistan Embassy sources Tuesday.

The exhibition is part of the 15th Hijrah celebrations being held in Karachi. Farrakh Habib, secretary general of the organization holding the exhibition already has visited Kuwait, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Turkey, the United States, Britain and Canada, an embassy press statement reported.

Apart from rare books and manuscripts, the exhibition will display sacred relics like the belongings of the Holy Prophet, ancient coins and specimens of Muslim calligraphy dating back to the first Hijra century to the 14th century.

The main objective of the exhibition is to introduce the intellectual and scholarly calibre of Muslim writers and research workers, according to the embassy. The show also aims at encouraging the publishers and printers to publish Islamic publications for the use of the common man, and devising ways and means for setting up a publishing house and Islamic foundation to feed the libraries of the Muslim world.

Customs aide departs

DHAHRAN, April 21 (SPA) — Khalil Al-Motaweh, director of Bahraio's customs department, left for home Monday after attending the three-day meeting of the technical committee on customs between the Kingdom and Bahrain which wound up in Dhahran earlier in the day. He was seen off at the airport by Abdul Karim Al-Nasser Al-Abdul Karim, director for tariffs and barriers at the Customs Department; and other officials.

organizers welcome manuscripts from a member of the public who can send their valuable possessions on a return basis through their respective governments.

University holds Sharia ceremony

RIYADH, April 21 (SPA) — The student affairs department of Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University held its annual ceremony Tuesday evening at the Sharia Faculty to hand over awards totaling SE 400,000 to winners at the Koran contest recently organized by the department.

Those taking part in the contest included questions on the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet, were students of Riyadh and other areas. More than 2,000 participated in this year's contest.

Makkah educational zone held its final ceremony for the season's sports activities Tuesday under the auspices of the Western Province Education Director Dr. Abdullah Al-Zaid. The ceremony was attended by Makkah officials and students' parents and guardians.

Prayer Times

Wednesday	Makkah	Medina	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Taibek
Fajr (Dawn)	4.31	4.29	4.00	3.45	4.09	4.37
Dhuhr (Noon)	12.19	12.20	11.51	11.38	12.03	12.32
Asr (Evening)	3.43	3.48	3.20	3.09	3.34	6.06
Maghreb (Sunset)	6.44	6.48	6.19	6.08	6.32	7.04
Isha (Night)	8.14	8.18	7.49	7.38	8.02	8.34

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'Israel, U.S. guilty'

Palestinian council condemns terrorism

DAMASCUS, April 21 (R) — The Palestinian National Council (PNC) — parliament in exile — has condemned terrorism, but said it regarded Israel and the United States as those chiefly guilty of such action.

The condemnation came in a political statement issued by the PNC which ended a nine-day session in Damascus Monday, its first for more than two years. The statement, reported by PNC speaker Khaled Fahoum, adopted by the session, declared that "the council strongly condemned terrorism and international terrorism."

It added that the main examples were being exercised against the Palestinian people, the PLO and the Lebanese people, as well as American imperialist terrorism which is being exercised through the world.

It was believed to be the first time the council had denounced terrorism, even in this interpretation, and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat has spoken out against it in the past.

Monday's statement took a guarded stand on the Middle East peace initiative being prepared by the European Economic Community (EEC), but did not reject it outright.

as some radical Palestinian leaders have done. It said the PLO must pursue diplomatic activities abroad, including Western Europe.

It added that any initiative should be based on rejection of the U.S.-sponsored Camp David accords between Israel and Egypt, and recognition of the PLO as sole representative of the Palestinian people and of their right to establish their own state.

This was an apparent signal to the EEC that the PLO expected some kind of statement to this effect. None of the 10 EEC states has yet formally recognized the PLO.

Monday's statement urged Arab and Islamic countries, especially oil producing states, to push Western nations toward recognition of the PLO. There was no specific call for any drastic use of the oil weapon. The statement welcomed a proposal earlier this year by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev for an all-party conference on the Middle East.

It attacked U.S. plans for a Rapid Deployment Force to defend the Gulf against possible Soviet infiltration, and said that the Gulf and Red Sea region should be free of military bases and pacts.

The statement's criticism of Jordan, sharply condemned by radical speakers at the session, was limited to a charge that Amman had failed to adhere to the principle that the PLO was the sole representative of all Palestinians everywhere.

Book blaming Nasser family is withdrawn

CAIRO, April 21 (R) — The best-selling autobiography of one of Egypt's Deputy Prime Ministers Osman Ahmad Osman has been withdrawn from sale after a row over the book's allegations of corruption under the rule of the late President Gamal Abdul Nasser.

The Nasser family has threatened to take legal action against Osman and a parliamentary committee has been set up to investigate the charges that Nasser associates had houses built at nominal prices.

The distributors of the book, which is entitled "My Experience," said the first edition of 65,000 had been sold out in two weeks and a second edition of 20,000 had been withdrawn. They gave no reason.

President Anwar Sadat Monday told *Maya* newspaper that he had no prior knowledge of the book's contents.

Polisario claim denied by Rabat

ALGIERS, April 21 (AFP) — The Polisario Front fighters claimed to have destroyed the Moroccan army's positions in a battle at the important religious center of Smara in the western Sahara. But Morocco said its soldiers had inflicted "heavy losses" on the fighters.

The Polisario Front, in a statement from Algiers, said its men killed 120 Moroccans, wounded 120 and took a number of prisoners of war in Sunday's fighting. The fighters said they destroyed Moroccan vehicles and captured trucks, radio equipment and arms.

A Moroccan statement in Rabat said the clash took place 40kms west of Smara, and that nine Moroccan soldiers were killed and 31 wounded.

BRIEFS

ISLAMABAD, (AFP) — Pakistan and Tunisia signed a two-year agreement here Monday providing for a wide range of exchanges and cooperation. The agreement concerned culture, religion, education, information, science and technology, it was officially stated.

MOSCOW, (AP) — Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah will visit the Soviet Union by the end of April, Tass reported Monday.

KHARTOUM, (R) — Sudan and Djibouti called Monday for an end to foreign intervention in the Horn of Africa and agreed to work together for peace and stability in the area, in a statement issued at the end of three-day visit by Djibouti President Hassan Gouled.

PLO hails Kuwaiti move on Lebanon

KUWAIT, April 21 (AP) — Kuwait's foreign minister has said the Palestine Liberation Organization had welcomed a Kuwaiti proposal for a round-table conference to discuss the Lebanese crisis and said Kuwait could convince Syria to attend, official sources here reported.

"We are still waiting for the official reactions of the parties concerned in the Lebanese situation before extending official invitations for the meeting," Sheikh Sabah Al-

Ahmad Al-Sabah said Monday. The Kuwaiti Minister, in an interview with the Lebanese English-language weekly *Monday Morning*, invited all warring factions in Lebanon to hold a round-table conference in Kuwait.

Sheikh Sabah's appeal came after two weeks of intense fighting in Lebanon between Syrian peacekeeping forces and rightist militias in Beirut and east Lebanon's city of Zahle. A shaky ceasefire had been in effect since April 8.

He said PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat had welcomed the proposal adding this reaction was seen as a "positive step." Officials here said Arafat had told the Kuwaiti minister that "the PLO is prepared to contribute to any effort aimed at resolving the Lebanese crisis."

Sheikh Sabah was quoted as saying his government has "the ability to talk to Syrian leaders and convince them to attend the meeting."

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● CAT DOZERS No. 10 with ripper, tilting plate, cabin	● CRANE "Grove 865" with options
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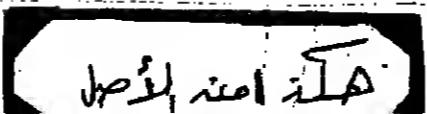
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER-1980 (24th SAFAR-1401H)

Capital & Liabilities

	1979 S.Rls.	1980 S.Rls.
AUTHORISED AND PAID-UP CAPITAL: 1,000,000 shares of SR.100/- each	50,000,000	100,000,000
RESERVES		
Statutory Reserve	10,150,500	23,600,000
Other Reserves	16,000,000	34,000,000
	26,150,500	57,600,000
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT		
Balance Brought Forward	50,734	-
ADD: Balance of Profit for the year 1980 after appropriations	274,758	237,946
	325,492	237,946
DIVIDEND FOR THE YEAR 1980	7,500,000	20,000,000
DEPOSITS		
1. Customers' Deposits (Cover Total Current, Time and Saving Deposits)	1092,722,807	1352,597,569
2. Deposits from Banks		
a) In Saudi Arabia	55,309,161	140,680,882
b) Abroad	301,083,379	276,962,455
3. Sundry Deposits (including Margins for Letters of Credit, Guarantees, Drafts, and other Transfers etc.)	223,709,574	232,714,470
	1672,824,921	2002,955,376
BORROWINGS:		
1. From Banks		
a) In Saudi Arabia	-	-
b) Abroad	45,660,877	57,642,308
2. Others	-	-
	45,660,877	57,642,308
OTHER LIABILITIES:		
1. Acceptances Outstanding on Behalf of Customers	18,905,792	22,340,967
2. Other Liabilities	22,991,754	36,708,248
	41,897,546	59,049,215
SUB TOTAL:	1844,359,336	2297,484,845
CONTRA ACCOUNTS:		
Guarantees, Letters of Credit and Other Obligations	1221,207,276	1495,921,039
GRAND TOTAL:	3065,566,612	3793,405,884

Property & Assets

	1979 S.Rls.	1980 S.Rls.
CASH FUNDS		
1. Cash in Hand	43,851,839	24,559,120
2. Statutory Deposit with Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency	118,435,264	51,446,286
3. Other Deposits with Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency	277,625,829	244,664,458
	439,912,932	320,669,864
DEPOSITS WITH BANKS:		
1. In Saudi Arabia	1,367,478	10,018,601
2. Abroad	425,105,258	718,006,578
	426,472,736	728,025,179
INVESTMENTS: (At lower of Cost or Market Value)		
1. Shares and Securities of Establishments:		
a) In Saudi Arabia	6,458,000	6,458,000
b) Abroad	36,871,512	64,499,205
2. Other Investments	-	-
	43,329,512	70,957,205
LOANS, ADVANCES ETC.: (Less Provisions for Bad and Doubtful Debts)		
1. To:		
a) Private Sector	850,283,677	1035,079,403
b) Banks	11,011,361	319,925
c) Others	-	40,676,921
2. Bills Purchased and Discounted	23,856,833	30,693,704
	885,151,871	1106,769,953
FIXED ASSETS (LESS DEPRECIATION) Bank Premises and Other Real Estate Furniture & Fixtures and Equipment	12,594,289	14,004,770
OTHER ASSETS:		
1. Customers Liability for outstanding acceptances	18,905,792	22,340,967
2. Other Assets	17,992,204	34,716,907
	36,897,996	57,057,874
SUB TOTAL:	1844,359,336	2297,484,845
CONTRA ACCOUNTS: Customers: Liabilities under Guarantees, Letters of Credit and Other Obligations	1221,207,276	1495,921,039
GRAND TOTAL:	3065,566,612	3793,405,884

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1980 (24TH SAFAR, 1401H.)

	1979 S.Rls.	1980 S.Rls.
INCOME:		
Net Income from Foreign Exchange Transactions and Other Services	99,291,325	155,191,355
Income from Investments	3,043,782	6,901,665
Others	302,951	409,004
	102,638,058	162,502,024
EXPENSES:		
Salaries and Other Staff Expenses	28,656,928	34,537,738
Director's Fees, Remuneration etc.	761,739	929,236
Services Charges	25,849,654	54,612,609
Provision for Depreciation etc.	-	-
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	2,574,250	2,698,840
Other Provisions	-	-
Other Expenses	14,920,729	16,361,647
	72,763,300	109,140,070
NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR:	29,874,758	53,361,954
Net Profit for the year 1980 - Brought Down	29,874,758	53,361,954
ADD: Balance of Undistributed Profit of Previous years	-	325,492
	29,874,758	53,687,446
APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS:-		
a) Provision for Zakat on Saudi Share and Compensation to Non-Saudi Share against Zakat	1,000,000	2,000,000
b) Transferred to Statutory Reserve	7,500,000	13,449,500
c) Transferred to Other Reserves	13,600,000	18,000,000
d) Dividend 20% on Paid-up Capital	7,500,000	20,000,000
e) Balance - Carried to Balance Sheet	274,758	237,946
TOTAL:	29,874,758	53,687,446

MOHAMMED SAIFUDDIN ANSARI
DIRECTOR & GENERAL MANAGER

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

We have examined the above Balance Sheet of Bank Al-Jazira as at 31st December, 1980 (24th Safar, 1401H) and the annexed Profit and Loss Account for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and returns and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which we considered necessary for the purposes of our Audit. In our opinion the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of the Bank's affairs as at 31st December, 1980 and of the Profit as shown in the Profit and Loss Account for the year ended on that date according to the generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis and as shown by the books of the Bank.

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Yugoslav riots laid to ethnic, economic factors

By Michael Dobbs

BELGRADE — Yugoslavia's Communist authorities have imposed emergency measures in an attempt to quell mounting disturbances among the country's politically sensitive ethnic Albanian minority. Serious clashes between demonstrators and security forces in the province of Kosovo, which borders on Albania, have triggered the first crisis in Yugoslavia since President Josip Broz Tito's death 11 months ago. The gathering unrest came to a head early this month, when according to official sources, several hundred people were injured as police firing tear gas broke up a march of at least 10,000 protesters through the provincial capital of Pristina.

Under the emergency measures, all public gatherings and movement by "groups of people" are banned in the province — Yugoslavia's poorest region. Army units have been called in to protect public buildings, including Pristina's town prison that was the target of the march. The protesters, who included university students and miners, were demanding the release of people detained following riots over the last month. Officials said that demonstrators, some of them armed with guns and firing at the police, pushed children in front of them to make it more difficult for the security services to disrupt the march.

Kosovo has long been regarded as one of the weak points in post-Tito Yugoslavia because of its economic backwardness and rivalry between the province's ethnic Albanian majority and Serb minority. Years of what Kosovo's million Albanians considered repression by the Serb elite last boiled over in 1968 when violent demonstrations had to be quelled by the army.

In a nationwide television broadcast, Kosovo's president, Dzavid Nimani, accused the demonstrators of being manipulated by "enemy forces" wanting to destroy Yugoslavia — a federal state made up of many different national groups. Some of the marchers are said to have chanted slogans calling for unity with Albania, a militantly Communist neighbor state, but the main demand was for Kosovo to be upgraded from a province into a republic.

A complicating factor is the reported serious illness of Albania's isolationist leader, Enver Hoxha, 72, who succeeded in breaking away from Soviet domination in 1961. One of the "nightmare scenarios" for post-Tito Yugoslavia is of the Kremlin somehow regaining control over Albania after Hoxha's death and fomenting unrest among the Albanian minority here.

The latest round of disturbances began March 11 when some 2,000 students at Pristina University rioted over poor living conditions and inequality. The riots were suppressed by police and the discontent has now spread both to other sections of the population and other parts of the province. Serious incidents have been reported in half a dozen towns in Kosovo over the past four weeks, including Pec, where the refectory of a Serbian monastery was burned in mysterious circumstances. This created the danger of a backlash among Serbs, Yugoslavia's largest national group, for whom the patriarchate of Pec has great historical and emotional significance.

Taken together, the latest events reflect the two great problems confronting Tito's successors: ethnic differences in this complex multinational state and an increasingly serious economic crisis. Inflation is running at over 40 per cent, there are 800,000 unemployed in a total population of 22 million, and Yugoslavia is heavily in debt. The economic problems are most pronounced in poor provinces such as Kosovo, despite a program of large-scale investments over the last 10 years. One fear of Yugoslav leaders is that economic strains in less-developed parts of the country could trigger new political tension.

The comparison with Poland springs to mind, but Yugoslavia is very different. Its multinational makeup virtually precludes a protest from a largely united population, as in Poland. Tito, during his 35-year rule, excelled in playing one nationality against another. In addition, there are more outlets for tension than in Poland. Yugoslavs are free to travel abroad and, to a limited extent, participate in political and economic decision-making through the system of workers' self-management.

Nevertheless, the latest disturbances do represent the most serious ethnic unrest to have erupted in Yugoslavia for a decade. In his televised speech, President Nimani said the authorities were determined to use all necessary measures to safeguard public order.

A statement from the provincial interior ministry said the emergency restrictions would remain in force "as long as the extraordinary situation in the province continues." Territorial reserve units, normally intended to serve against an external enemy, have been mobilized to assist the police and security services.

Officials said meetings were being held in factories throughout Kosovo to drum up support for the firm stand taken by the authorities. Local Communist Party branches have sent telegrams to Yugoslavia's collective leadership condemning the disturbances and pledging their loyalty. (WF)



NATO missiles present Holland with touchy issue

By Don Cook

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — The big political issue in Holland, where a general election will come up in May, is whether to accept 48 U.S. Cruise missiles on Dutch soil as part of the planned modernization of NATO nuclear forces in Western Europe. There is little debate over Holland's own defense program, which has been expanding steadily at a rate of around 3 per cent annually but in 1981 is due to increase by only 1.5 per cent.

However, nuclear weapons have always been a touchy subject for Dutch governments, and the prospect of taking on a share of a new generation of American weapons is an emotional issue, felt in every political party from left to right. Moreover, if, as now seems likely, the Dutch voters say "no" to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's proposal, it could have deep political and military consequences for the entire alliance.

Such a vote would immediately reinforce opposition to accepting Cruise missiles in Belgium. In West Germany, 37 Social Democrats in parliament, members of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's party, have already urged the government to review its decision to accept the new weapons in Germany in the light of American failure to ratify SALT II, the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty with the Soviet Union.

An open defeat for the missile program in Holland could therefore have an unraveling effect on the alliance. And it would require the military planners to re-examine the strategic effect of reducing the program. Further, if the Dutch opt out of the program, it would not help the NATO position in any future arms control negotiations with the Soviet Union.

If the nuclear modernization program begins to come apart as a result of the Dutch election, it will almost certainly have a souring effect on the Reagan administration's attitude toward European defense. The American military judgment — which is shared by the Dutch Defense Ministry and

numerous government and political leaders — is that NATO can continue to be an effective deterrent to any Soviet aggression only if its nuclear component is modernized with a new generation of land-based missiles in Europe. If this is not acceptable to the Europeans, then the basis for the American commitment to the defense of Europe could be called into question.

It was for this reason that Deputy Secretary of Defense Frank Carlucci, in a major speech to NATO defense specialists in Munich at the end of February, urged the allies "to maintain the public conditions and public support necessary for modernization of long-range ... nuclear forces" as agreed by the alliance in Brussels in December 1979.

The program calls for the installation of 110 new Pershing 2 ballistic missiles in West Germany, in launch sites where shorter-range Pershing 1 missiles are now installed. The rest of the program — 462 low-flying Cruise missiles — would be spread over Italy, West Germany, Belgium, Holland and Britain.

But in agreeing to the program, the Dutch and the Belgians had to hedge their bets, for political reasons. The Belgians said they would go ahead after six months if there was no progress in arms talks. The Dutch said they would make a final decision after two years, in December of 1981, also based on the results of arms talks.

The Belgian government has not felt sure enough of its shaky majority to seek a vote on the Cruise missile program which involves the appropriation of money to acquire and develop sites. The Dutch now face their deadline, with an election coming up and no arms talks in sight.

Holland's present government is a right-of-center coalition of the Christian Democratic Alliance and the Liberal Party. But there is a strong opposition to the Cruise missiles program in the CDA rank and file, despite the advice of the party leader, Prime Minister Andreas Van Agt. The Liberal Party strongly supports the NATO program, but it is paying the price with a drop in its public opinion ratings.

The Socialist Party, which headed Holland's pre-

vious coalition government from 1973 to 1977 held its pre-election party conference in ea March and went over to flat-out opposition to accepting Cruise missiles. It was only heavy pressure from the party leader, former Prime Minister Joop D Uyl, that prevented adoption of a policy to have nuclear warheads removed from Holland and give up the existing nuclear tasks of the Dutch forces NATO defense — nuclear eight-inch, Howitzer Lance and Nike missiles and aircraft with nuclear strike mission. But it looks as if Den Uyl's hands will be tied on the Cruise missiles question if he returns to power in the May election.

There are 12 parties or groupings in parliament and all across the left there is practically no support for the Cruise missiles. Beyond the left there are plenty of votes to be picked up by opposing nuclear weapons in any form. The odds are fairly strong therefore, that parliament will be dominated at the May election by deputies elected on an nuclear ticket, no matter what their party affiliation. In public opinion polls, the Dutch are also strongly loyal to NATO — 68 per cent are recently — but that is not expected to prevent the from being against NATO nuclear weapons.

It always takes a long time to put together government after an election in Holland — in 1977 it took eight months — and it will be a long and intricate process after the results are in this May.

For the United States and the rest of NATO, well as for Holland, the other problems of national defense efforts are overshadowed by the nuclear question. Even though an economic squeeze is forcing the government to slash social security and other politically sensitive programs the defense program will still be expanded, though not as much as planned. The planned increase of 3 per cent is being cut in half, yet Defense Minister Pieter de Geus said recently: "Our long-term defense planning remains based on increases in terms of 3 per cent annually for the next five years even though we are having to cut back temporarily this year because of the economic situation."

For all the fragmentation of its parliament at the time it takes to put coalition governments together, the Dutch have a tradition of stable and efficient budgeting procedures. They know where they stand and where they are going and are regarded as particularly good at looking down the road of defense equipment.

They spend consistently about 3.3 per cent of their gross national product on defense, on a par with West Germany, but they consistently allocate to new equipment a larger share of defense spending than any other NATO country in Europe except Britain. This year 18 per cent of the Dutch defense budget will go to equipment, against 14 per cent in Germany and 24 per cent in Britain.

The Royal Netherlands Air Force already receiving its first F-16 fighter planes from a consortium assembly line outside Amsterdam and has decided to replace its aging F-5s as well as its F-104 with the F-16. This will give it a single-model air force of more than 200 aircraft by the middle of the decade.

The Dutch navy is the most modern in NATO terms of age and types of ships and new frigates are coming out of Dutch shipbuilding yards at the rate of about one every six months. The navy consists of 18 frigates, 3 destroyers, 2 combat support ships and 6 submarines, organized in four escort groups for the North Atlantic and the North Sea.

The Dutch army has been equipped with American Tow anti-tank missiles, and has reached a production agreement with the Germans to buy parts and assemble the Leopard 2 tank on a Dutch production line scheduled to start up next year. The Dutch will build 450 Leopards over the next five years. All this represents a substantial long-term commitment to basic NATO goals — even if spending will go up by only 1.5 per cent this year. But the nuclear cloud casts a shadow over it all. — (LAT)

TRUCE IN POLAND

Poland looks like settling for a truce which is to last into summer. The free trade unions have promised to mount no strikes for the time being, while the Polish prime minister agreed with parliament on a three-month reprieve, during which he is to try to sort out relations with the unions.

Meanwhile, Polish farmers are engaged in building up their recently authorized union, while the government goes over its accounts to see how much money it needs to borrow to service existing debts as well as get the economy moving again. The signs, however, are that this is only and strictly a truce, imposed on all sides by the contingencies of the situation — and that each side will use it to improve its position in readiness for renewed and widened conflict.

The Polish government is constrained by an economy teetering on the edge of catastrophe, as well as by the restlessness within the Communist Party. It also has to suit its actions to the wishes of its "brotherly" Communist parties abroad.

The free unions themselves appear to feel in need of consolidation, after their period of explosive growth. They also realize — the West itself has given them enough hints — that increasing the pressure on the wobbling Kania regime is not perhaps the best policy in the long run.

A truce, however enforced, still is a truce. The hope is that it would cool tempers enough, inside Poland and outside it, for a long term solution to be peacefully worked out, in which the population can realize its wishes without jeopardizing their own as well as the international situation.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

All newspapers Tuesday led with the official talks held in Riyadh between the Saudi Arabian and British delegations headed by Crown Prince Fahd and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. They said the main topics of discussion included bilateral ties, the Middle East issue and the European initiative.

Newspapers frontpaged visiting Bangladesh Interior Minister Mustafizur Rahman's call on King Khaled and formal talks with his Saudi Arabian counterpart Prince Naif on security cooperation between the two countries. They also said that Prince Naif has accepted an invitation to visit Bangladesh at a convenient time.

Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani's interview with the American television figured prominently in the newspapers which quoted him as saying that Saudi Arabia would neither increase the oil prices nor cut production until OPEC members bring the prices to an equal level. Meanwhile, *Al Yam* reported in a front-page story that the foreign minister of Kuwait would pay a visit to the Soviet Union April 23 on an official invitation from the Kremlin leaders. *Al Yam* further highlighted the political observers' belief that the Kuwait foreign minister would try to convince the Soviet officials to resume the supply of arms spare parts and fresh quantities of arms to Iraq, for which there was an earlier agreement between Iraq and the Soviet Union.

Writing editorially on the British prime minister's current official visit to the Kingdom, *Al Yam*

observed that Riyadh has become the center of attraction for world leaders. Noting that Mrs. Thatcher's visit will be followed by West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's visit to the Kingdom, the paper said the pro-Zionist media services are not happy with these visits nor with the prominent position Saudi Arabia occupies in the comity of nations. They, therefore, try to give these visits a military rather than a political tinge, creating a din that these leaders go to Saudi Arabia to offer their military hardware, the paper said. It added that the aim behind such a propaganda is to distort the image of the Kingdom's successful diplomacy at all levels.

Al Bilad noted in an editorial that talks between the Saudi Arabian and British delegations were characterized by a complete understanding of Saudi Arabia's stance which is based on clear-cut principles. With its constructive steps, the paper said, Britain is reaffirming its interaction with the issues of the regions. It added that the new British role is undoubtedly a big political triumph of Saudi Arabia at the international level.

Discussing the Kingdom's policy, *Okaz* said editorially that Saudi Arabia has adopted a strategy that stresses the need for showing complete neutrality and striving for friendship based on mutual respect, constructive cooperation and non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries. The paper hoped that Britain would appreciate this strategy which would eventually lead to stability in the region, provided that Europe's sup-

port is forthcoming to create a balance between the two superpowers and to keep them away from this region. The paper further held the view that Britain is capable of supporting the idea of supplying technical know-how and sophisticated equipment to this country whose efforts are directed toward the welfare of its people and the world as a whole.

On the other hand, *Al Madinah* discussed the U.S. interests in the region and said that Israel and the Zionist lobby in America do not want to see any development in the U.S.-Arab relations. The paper held a firm view that, if the U.S. gave due regard to its national interests in the Middle East, it would minimize its commitments toward Israel and its intransigent leaders. The Zionists have been facing defeats in every confrontation with Saudi Arabia and, if the U.S. gives preference to its national interests and continues to maintain good relations with Saudi Arabia, it would be another blow to the Zionists, the paper added.

On the other hand, *Al Jazirah* dealt with the Lebanese situation, saying that the U.S. and France can easily pressure Israel to get out of Lebanon. Israel's direct or indirect interference in the Lebanese problem, the paper said, would largely help in bringing about a ceasefire among the Lebanese in activating Arab efforts and in creating suitable opportunities for a national conciliation. However, the paper advised a consideration of Syria's view, which had successfully prevented the division of Lebanon, as well as the position of the Palestinian resistance.



Traffic Week is good time to sleep!

Al Bilad

Introduced by Arabs

Cloisonne, a Chinese contribution to art

TAIPEI — Cloisonne, the art of applying brass wires to the surface of a copper or bronze object and filling the spaces with enamel, has become an important Chinese contribution to world art, even though it was originally introduced to China by Arabs in the 14th century. The reign of Emperor Ching Tai (1450-1457) of the Ming Dynasty is particularly noted for cloisonne products. The Chinese refer to cloisonne, which usually has a blue cast, as Ching Tai Blue.

In recent years, the art of cloisonne has been revived in Taiwan. Ingenious artists use modern machinery to make a variety of creative jewelry and vessels. Cloisonne shops have been opened one after another.

Fashion-conscious women like to wear a piece of Ching Tai Blue to show their good taste. Departing tourists often buy cloisonne objects as gifts for their friends and relatives. The art prospered immediately after it was

introduced to China, because the people at that time had mastered metallurgical and enameling techniques. These are important in making cloisonne. Enamel is as smooth as jade, brilliant as jewel, and white as porcelain, so it is liked by the people.

During the reign of Emperor Chien Lung of the Ching Dynasty, the art was further refined and large quantities of beautiful cloisonne products were made by both government and private shops. As quality subsequently declined, however, so also did the importance of cloisonne.

More than 10 years ago, Kuo Ming-chiao, a prominent artist in Taiwan, worked out a new way to make cloisonne. Kuo became interested in the art when he was holding a painting exhibition in Germany 12 years ago, and saw a number of cloisonne vessels on display. He deplored why the Chinese masterpieces could be seen only in a foreign country, not in China.

Since a large cloisonne object may change shape during heating, Kuo began by making small articles. He was immersed in the art and often worked until dawn. After more than 300 days, he succeeded, in developing a new process which is different from that adopted by the World Cloisonne Association. Not only does this method cut production costs, but it also allows vases as tall as two feet to be made.

First, Kuo shapes copper wires into different patterns and fuses them on a copper or bronze object. Then, he fills the spaces with enamel of different colors. After the holes in the various patterns are filled, the object is fired in a kiln. With each firing, the enamel shrinks, so the crevice has to be filled with more enamel and fired again until the hole is completely filled. Then, the product is polished, and the edges of the vessel and the surface of the copper wires gilded.

Challenges: In the manufacturing process, each step calls for skilled techniques. The wires must be fused to the enamel firmly, and the temperature must be appropriate so that the copper object will not lose shape. Like stained glass, the enamel must show different layers of color. After the maker has mastered the production techniques, he can express his artistry in the shape of the object and the patterns on its surface.

After cloisonne was introduced to China, it began to assume a Chinese flavor. The colors are less glaring than those from other areas, reflecting the stoical character of the Chinese people. Cloisonne products also differ according to the dynasty in which they were made. Cloisonne products made in Taiwan are not generally replicas of those made in past dynasties, but rather reflect the thinking and preferences of modern society. According to Kuo Ming-chiao, modern products still incorporate flowers and leaves as their main patterns, but some abstract themes have been added.

Because enamel and copper respond to high temperatures differently, the enamel is apt to come loose. Overcoming such technical limitations to create new patterns has been one of the challenges Kuo has faced.

In ancient times, cloisonne products were limited to vases and platters. Now, whole table sets are made. Cloisonne necklaces have become popular among women today. At a cost of \$5.5 each, several pieces can be purchased to match different dresses. In ancient times, the object on which enamel was fixed was shaped by hand, so each piece was subtly different. Now that machinery has been introduced to cut down costs, the variation in shapes is limited. Overcoming this drawback poses another challenge.

Combination art: Both the shapes and patterns of cloisonne pieces, Kuo Ming-chiao says, express the beauty of Chinese art. The outstanding vases of ancient times, for instance, owe their beauty to their curved surfaces. If the necks of vases were a shade thicker or thinner, for instance, the appearance of these vases would be impaired.

Cloisonne is a combination art, involving the principles of chemistry, physics, painting and engraving. A host of difficulties will be encountered before a breakthrough can be achieved in any of these areas. To overcome the physical differences between enamel and copper, and to match the hands and mind, have always been the main goals of cloisonne artists. Practitioners of old scored great achievements in these areas and modern artists are trying to emulate them.

As an artist, Kuo Ming-chiao is adept at designing patterns, and has found his true vocation in developing the cloisonne art. He has established a factory in the suburbs of Taipei and a shop in the downtown area. Demand for products is always greater than supply.

Many people have followed Kuo Ming-chiao into the cloisonne business, but most of them are just merchants and cannot be considered as artists. Nevertheless, the commercialization they have encouraged has brought cloisonne products to the attention of the public. Without their efforts, examples of the art would be confined to old pieces collecting dust in curio shops. (Courtesy of Sinorama)



ELEGANT: The making of cloisonne involves seven process, including fusing and grinding. Enamel of different colors is ground into powder, which is mixed with water before using to fill the spaces between the wires on copper objects as seen above. At top is a cloisonne vase by Kuo Ming-chiao, rich in color and elegant in outline. The edges are gilded.

Cadmium poisons W. German environment

By Peter Jansen

BONN (INP) — Japanese doctors were the first to be confronted with an unusual problem. Patients came to them with severe pains; their skeletons had shrunk by 20 cm and more; they suffered severe coughing bouts during which their ribs broke like glass. After detail examination it became clear that they were suffering from cadmium poisoning. In many cases, kidney failure was found eventually leading to death.

This poisonous heavy metal is found in all industrial countries, including West Germany. Traces are found in plastics, anti-rust substances, electric batteries and paints. Smokers inhale tiny quantities in cigarette; cadmium occurs, too, in the combustion of coal or oil and in fertilizers containing phosphates. Every year, more than 2,400 tons of cadmium is used in West Germany and some of it pollutes the environment. It is estimated that about 90 tons escape into the air, while

160 tons find their way in waste water into rivers and water purification plants; the waste residues from these plants, together with fertilizers, carry 65 tons on to the fields and meadows.

The poison has particularly insidious ways. It becomes concentrated in plants, especially in mushrooms growing wild, and thus finds its way into human food. The poison is deposited in the kidneys of humans and animals. Subjected to cadmium intake over a period of decades, these vital internal organs are eventually maimed beyond repair.

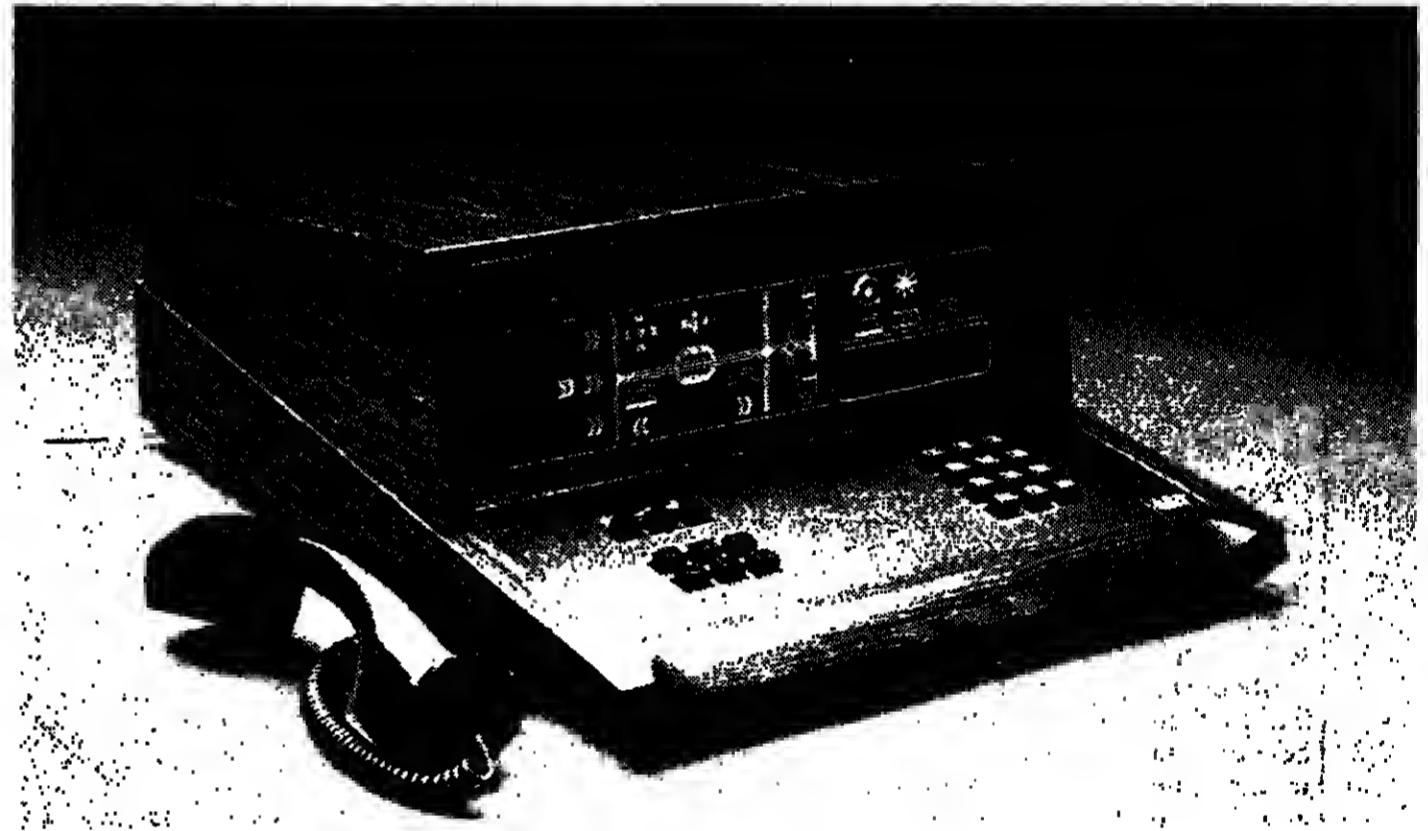
Asbestos has similar dangerous effects. This is used mainly for roofing, flower boxes, brake linings, insulating material or floor tiles. Fibrous asbestos dust, breathed in tiny particles, has a highly cancer-inducing effect on the lungs. The German Trade Union Confederation (DGB) estimates that about 10,000 people die every year in West Germany as a result of cancer induced by asbestos. For this reason, the Bonn govern-

ment is determined to eliminate the two highly toxic substances. Health Minister Antje Huber has announced measures to limit the occurrence of cadmium in deposits from purification plants and in phosphate fertilizers. The Interior Ministry and the Federal Health Department are holding talks with representatives of industry with a view to replace cadmium by less dangerous materials.

It is difficult to take asbestos out of the environmental circulation. Every year, some 150,000 tons of crude asbestos are processed in the country. Thousands of jobs — particularly in the building materials industry — would be at stake if this dangerous material were banned. However, the long-term aim is to replace asbestos with less risky products. The Danish Parliament has decided to ban the use of various asbestos products in 1990. Asbestos cement, which is in widespread use, will be banned from 1985 on. Long transitional periods have been laid down to make it easier for industry to switch to other materials.

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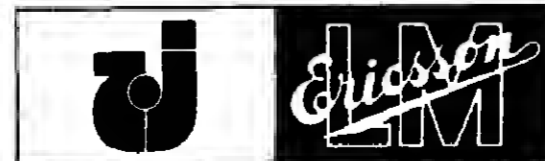
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Fish markets closed

Radiation overflow affects 56 in Japan

TOKYO, April 21 (Agencies) — Fifty-six persons were exposed to radiation during a leak of radioactive waste water at a nuclear power plant in western Japan, the plant's operators said Tuesday. The Japan Atomic Power Co. which runs the plant at Tsuruga on the Sea of Japan, said it was not yet clear how seriously they were affected.

The company's announcement came as the Japanese government said it would investigate why the plant failed to report a radiation leak on March 8. International Trade Minister Rokusuke Tanaka told reporters after a cabinet meeting Monday that he would send a representative to the plant to investigate its operations. Tanaka said that his ministry would make safety checks on all 22 nuclear power plants in Japan.

The government energy agency said that the plant, which operates an electric boiling reactor, had not reported an overflow of radioactive waste water from a sludge storage tank at a radioactive waste disposal unit. Energy agency officials making routine checks last week found abnormally high levels of radioactivity on the seabed four and in weeds in the sea 700 meters from the plant.

Government investigators found that the water had leaked out of the and over a 30-centimeter restraining wall because a valve remained open while a control panel showed it to be closed.

"Fish markets in western Japan closed

their doors Tuesday to products from fisheries in Fukui prefecture, fearing the radioactive leak may have contaminated marine life in the area. Dr. Fumio Amano, chief reviewer of the nuclear safety bureau in the science and technology agency, said that "in terms of radioactive release" the March 8 leak at the Tsuruga nuclear plant in Fukui was "the worst" in the history of the nation's nuclear industry.

As much as 40 tons of radioactive water reportedly overflowed from a storage tank, and Amano said the levels of radioactivity in the cobalt 60 and other materials which overflowed were "very, very high." Despite assurances from prefectural hygiene officials that fish caught in Tsuruga Bay were not affected by radioactive waste seeping into the bay from the Tsuruga plant, markets in Osaka and Kobe asked Fukui fishermen to suspend all shipments of fish and shellfish until it is confirmed that they are safe.

Meanwhile, eight of the 15 persons in Japan officially recognized as suffering from liver ailment resulting from the side-effects of thorotrast, a radioactive, image-clarifying agent, have died, the health and welfare ministry said Tuesday. A dozen other unrecognized liver sufferers also fell victim to the substance, the ministry said. All died around the age of 60.

Thorotrast was first developed in Germany in 1929, chiefly from thorium dioxide, to clarify images of blood vessels for X-ray photography. It was used here mainly to locate the wounds of soldiers, until 1950 when it was banned by the ministry. The contrast medium remains in the body, especially in the liver, while continuing to emit radioactivity, eventually causing liver cancer, hepatocirrhosis and leukemia.

BRIEFS

BRUSSELS, (AFP) — Dominique Misson-Pelzer, 24, a Belgian, is to be married to the son of Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos in London late this year, her family announced here Tuesday.

MOSCOW, (R) — The Soviet Union's Minister of Gas Industry Sabit Orudzhev died Monday aged 68, Tass news agency reported.

COLOMBO, (AP) — Sri Lanka Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa leaves Friday on a 16-day tour of the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand, a government spokesman said Monday.

SEOUL, (AFP) — Nigerian Agriculture Minister Farsi Ibrahim Gusau will start a five-day official visit to South Korea Thursday, it was announced here Tuesday.

South Korea reshuffles judiciary

SEOUL, April 21 (AP) — Acting under a new constitution, a sweeping shake-up is being carried out in South Korea's judicial system. Thirty-seven judges have been dropped from their posts and the positions of a large number of the country's other 531 judges are being reshuffled, it was announced Tuesday.

The announcement said the action was taken in the name of new Chief Justice Yoo Tai-Hung, who was appointed last Friday by President Chun Doo-Hwan. The high court itself was affected by the shake-up with six of its 10 members not being reappointed. Those dropped in the reshuffle of the lower courts included six district court judges, eight appeals courts panel heads and two appellate court judges.

No official reason was given for the sacking of the 37 judges, but the new chief justice told reporters following his appointment that he would not re-name those in judicial positions who have been accused of being dishonest or criticized as incapable of discharging their duties fully.

He also was quoted as saying he would eliminate "bureaucratic, authoritarian and dogmatic elements" from the court benches. Reported to have been taken into consideration were steps against judges who were felt to lack a "sound view of the state." The independent *Korea Times* said that point could be taken to mean those judges "lacking qualities to meet the demands of the times."

The newspaper noted in an editorial that the new chief justice attributed to "misunderstandings" allegations that the courts merely served the executive branch of the government. He said such misunderstandings disregarded the confrontation between South and North Korea. The editorial, added, however, "It is also to be pointed out that past criticisms of the courts were not solely related to the misunderstandings he described, but to the independence, integrity and fairness of the courts."

It said that while greater expectations could be entertained from the reformed courts, there is a constitutional provision that should be an essential directive for judiciary performance. That provision in the new constitution, enacted in October, says judges shall "rule independently, according to their conscience and in conformity with the constitution and law."

The constitution provides that the chief justice shall be appointed by the president with the consent of the national assembly, and other members of the high court by the president on the recommendation of the chief justice. It gives the chief justice power to appoint other judges.

Another body pulled from river in Atlanta

ATLANTA, Georgia, April 21 (AP) — The body of a slightly built 23-year-old black man was found Monday in the Chattahoochee River, but authorities had not decided whether to turn the case over to the special police task force investigating the slayings of 24 other young blacks. The bodies of two of the victims killed since July 1979 were pulled from the muddy waters of the Chattahoochee a month ago. Only two young adults were among the two dozen victims —

both were retarded and described as child-like. Assistant Fulton county police chief Louis Graham said the identity of the victim would be released after his relations were notified. He said the man had a criminal record and that identification was made through fingerprints. Details of his criminal record were not immediately available, although Graham said it included felony arrests. Fulton county medical examiner Dr.

Robert Stivers said officials decided quickly that the body was not that of 10-year-old Darron Glass, the only missing person on the task force list. He was last seen Sept. 14. The body pulled from the river was described by Stivers as 5-foot-5 (1.65m), 80 to 90 pounds (41 kg). Fulton county police chief Clinton Chafin said the body was found on a river bed. He estimated the victim had been dead for at least two weeks. The 24th victim, 15-year-old Joseph Bell, was found Sunday.

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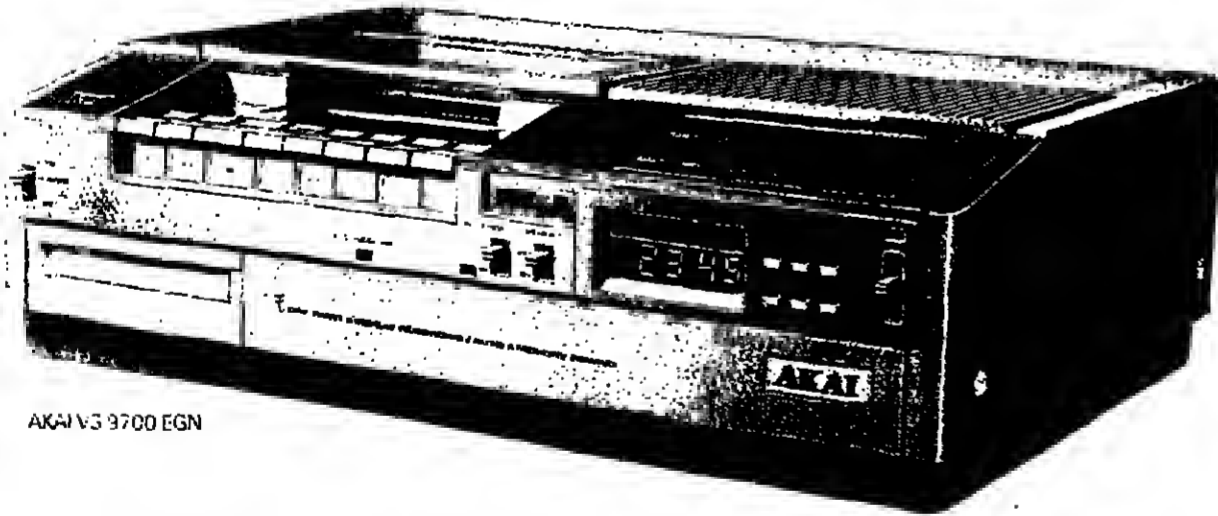
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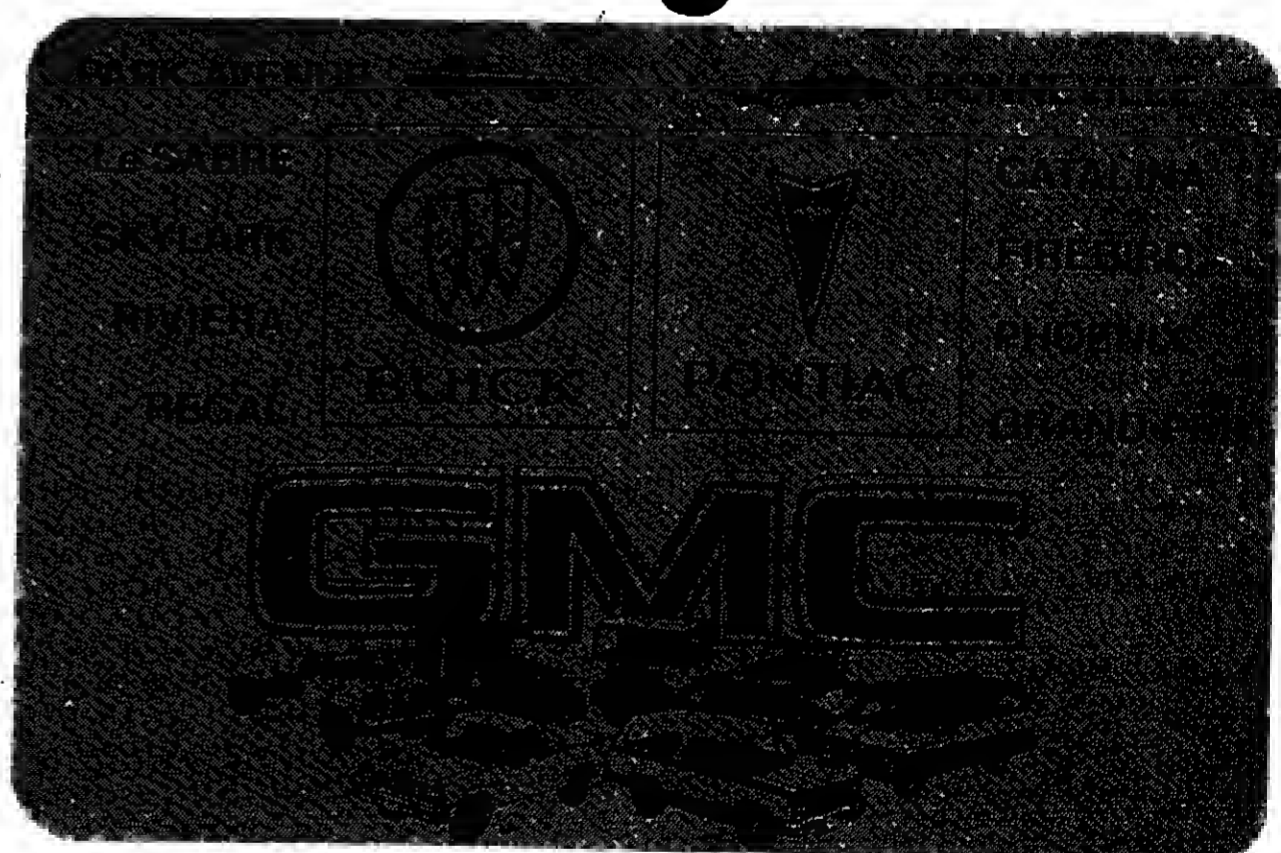
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Forlani in trouble

Socialist faction may desert Italy coalition

ROME, April 21 (AP) — Italy's fragile, six-month-old government led by Premier Arnaldo Forlani, appears threatened by the possible defection of Socialist support to the opposition Communists at a key Socialist Party congress starting Wednesday, political sources say.

Communist Secretary Enrico Berlinguer, who leads the largest Marxist party in the West, is openly courting the Socialists, the third largest party in Italy after the Christian Democrats and Communists. "It is essential that the left reach an agreement for a seal change in the political direction of the country," Berlinguer said over the weekend.

The Socialists are currently supporting the Christian Democrat Forlani in the four-party ruling coalition, which also includes Social Democrats and Republicans. The Communists and other opposition parties have repeatedly defeated Forlani in parliamentary votes on the government's economic package, which calls for tight money policies and cuts in spending for health, education and pension programs.

"By now it is necessary and urgent that the Socialists should withdraw from this government," Claudio Signorile, a leader of the Socialist Party's left-wing, said. He called for a Socialist "opening to the left," which means to the Communists.



Italian Prime Minister Arnaldo Forlani



Communist leader Enrico Berlinguer

The Socialists are split by a classic fight over whether left-wing economic programs would do a better job than traditional austerity measures in fighting Italy's rising unemployment and 20 per cent inflation rate, the second highest after Greece in the European

Common Market. Signorile and other pro-Communist Socialists have urged the government to protect jobs by bailing out state-owned steel factories and other government industry. They also

Chirac getting support

PARIS, April 21 (R) — The campaign for the first round of France's presidential election moved into its final stages Tuesday after opinion polls registered a rising surge of support for neo-Gaullist candidate Jacques Chirac. The survey results left the outcome of the next Sunday's preliminary voting wide open and worried supporters of both President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and Socialist Francois Mitterrand.

For months it had been widely assumed that the two, who faced each other in the 1974 voting, would emerge at the top of the poll April 26 and thus leave the 37 million voters with a clear choice in the second round May 10.

Military aid Peking rejects Sihanouk plea

PEKING, April 21 (R) — Kampuchea's former head of state Norodom Sihanouk said Tuesday China was not yet willing to grant him the military aid he required as a condition for heading an anti-Vietnamese united front in his homeland. Prince Sihanouk said Huang Hua, the Chinese vice premier and foreign minister, told him during the talks Monday that China was not ready to "solve practical problems" with him.

The prince told a press conference the Chinese hoped he would go ahead and form a

united front as quickly as possible, but would not discuss his request for military aid for his personal forces in the Thai-Kampuchean border region.

Sihanouk, who arrived in Peking Saturday from his exile in North Korea, said he planned to hold a second round of talks with the pro-Chinese Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan early in May.

The prince's first round of talks in Pyongyang last month ended in disagreement when Khieu Samphan failed to accept his condition that all Kampuchean forces must be disbanded in the event of a Vietnamese withdrawal from the country. He said he had now dropped this demand but still had two conditions — Chinese military aid to build up his own small force and guarantees from China and the Khmer Rouge that he would be the front's effective leader and not just a puppet of Khieu Samphan.

oppose government plans to put a ceiling on Italy's "scala mobile," or "moving ladder," which guarantees a wage increase to every Italian worker every three months to help stay abreast of inflation.

Socialist Secretary Bettino Craxi — who leads the Socialist's conservative wing and masterminded the deal with the Christian Democrats — is expected to retain the party leadership. Italian newspapers estimated that Craxi controls 70 per cent of the 350 delegates at the congress in the Sicilian capital of Palermo.

But the left-wing Socialists can vote against the government in Parliament if they don't get everything they want at the congress. With help from these Socialists, plus dissident factions in the Christian Democrats, the Communists can achieve their long-held dream of dumping Forlani.

Berlinguer said the Communists won't make any deals on the economic package until Forlani has been replaced. Italian newspapers say Craxi or another Socialist might be named premier to break the deadlock. He would be the first non-Christian Democrat premier since 1945. To show the importance attached to the five-day Socialist meeting, both Berlinguer and Christian Democrat Secretary Flaminio Piccoli will lead their respective party delegations.

Cuba frees U.S. sailors

WASHINGTON, April 21 (AP) — Cuban authorities Monday released four American sailors who were taken into custody Sunday after their boat inadvertently strayed into Cuban waters, the U.S. State Department announced.

Spokesman David Nall said Monday the four turned over to Wayne Smith, the head of the U.S. interests section in Havana at 3 p.m. local time Monday. The sailors, all from the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, were flown to the United States Tuesday, Nall said.

Muldoon in S. Korea

SEOUL, April 21 (AFP) — New Zealand Prime Minister Robert Muldoon arrived in Seoul late Tuesday from Tokyo for a five-day official visit to South Korea. In his talks with South Korean government leaders, the visiting prime minister is expected to ask for South Korean participation in various projects envisaged in New Zealand's 7-year economic development plan as well South Korea's purchase of agricultural and dairy products from New Zealand.

Piggyback trip on jet

Shuttle return delayed

EDWARD AIR FORCE BASE, California, April 21 (AP) — The piggyback return of the space shuttle Columbia to Florida has been pushed back another 24 hours, with departure now set for Friday morning, a spokesman has said. The reason for the delay is "nothing specific" and nothing serious, said Les Reinertson, a National Aeronautics and Space Administration spokesman.

Operations have taken longer than anticipated since the Columbia returned from orbit April 14. The preparation of the craft is a training experience for new crews who will be working on future shuttle trips, Reinertson explained, Monday.

Columbia's trip on the back of a 747 jet to the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canav-

eral had been postponed from Tuesday to Thursday, and the Friday timetable could slip again, Reinertson said. "We have no problems with the orbiter at all. It's just us getting all our eggs in order out here," he said.

"Obviously we don't feel pressured by a timeline on it. We want to do it right. This is not a count down, it's a count up."

Maintenance crews and engineers Monday continued to purge Columbia's various power systems and lines of toxic fuels, Reinertson said. When preparations are completed, Columbia, the first reusable space vehicle, will be hoisted 60 feet off the ground by a giant lift that will be used to mate it to the 747 jet. That will probably occur Wednesday, Reinertson said.

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America records 6.5% rise in GNP

By Robert Furlow

WASHINGTON, April 21 (AP) — The U.S. economy grew at an annual rate of 6.5 per cent in the first three months of 1981 as recovery from last year's recession apparently picked up speed, the U.S. Commerce Department reported Monday.

It was the biggest quarterly gain since the nine per cent recorded in the second quarter of 1978, department analysts said. However, economists inside and outside government are forecasting a quick slowdown in the growth rate over the next few months as inflation and high interest rates take their toll on consumer spending.

The new report said "real" gross national product — the inflation-adjusted value of all goods and services rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 6.5 per cent to \$1.51 trillion in the first quarter of 1981 after rising 3.8 per cent in the last quarter of 1980. The inflation adjustment measures current GNP in 1972 dollars. Without the inflation discount, GNP grew 14.9 per cent to an annual rate of \$2.83 trillion in the first three months of 1981, the report said.

Real GNP rose 2.4 per cent in the third quarter of 1980, but the second quarter's 9.9 per cent drop was enough to drag the rate for all of 1980 down to a 0.2 per cent decline, the first yearly decline since 1975. Analysts in general are forecasting slow growth — or no growth at all in the April-June quarter, with the economy possibly picking up again in the second half of the year.

In first quarter

IMF lending jumps to \$5.8b

WASHINGTON, April 21 (AP) — Lending by the International Monetary Fund, spurred by the high cost of oil, jumped to 4.8 billion Special Drawing Rights (SDR's), or \$5.8 billion in the first quarter of the year, according to figures available Monday.

In the first quarter of 1980, the fund's new commitments amounted to only \$1.4 billion, though loans for the entire year hit a record \$8.6. The IMF said that, in the first three months of this year, loans granted to aid balance of payments in third World countries came to 4,300 SDR's (\$5,200).

The second quarter of 1981 has already started big, with \$640 million committed to Jamaica last week.

Traditionally, much of the IMF's money comes from the United States, but the views of the Reagan administration, reinforcing those of many members of Congress, make loans from the United States unlikely in the near future. The IMF recently got a pledge of at least \$10 billion in loans from Saudi Arabia, a promise that won Saudi Arabia increased voting power on the IMF board.

The loans to the poor countries are for one to three years, and carry interest rates much lower than anything these countries could get from commercial banks — from 11 per cent all the way down to 5.25 per cent a year. Unlike commercial banks, the IMF makes its loans only on strict condition that the governments promise to obey: Reductions in spending, especially for such things as food subsidies, easier access for goods imported from other countries — sometimes currency devaluations and other painful policies.

These conditions have brought charges that the IMF is hard on poor countries, and imposes suffering on their people to the advantage of business interests. The IMF argues that such measures are necessary to bring abused national economies back to health. What no one disputes is that the

money at its disposal gives this group of international civil service employees an important say in how poor countries are run.

Commercial banks consider IMF loans a seal of approval, which encourages them to lend more money of their own to the country concerned with better hopes of being paid back on time. In the first quarter of 1981 China, which has belonged to the IMF for only a year, got its first advance — \$ 540 million. But the biggest single loan, the most money the conservative IMF has lent to any communist government, went to Yugoslavia: Some \$2 billion. Morocco got \$970 million and South Korea \$ 691 million.

The dollar figures are approximate, because the IMF makes its loans in its own unit, the "special drawing right" which can be converted into the money of any of its 141 members. Borrowers often need marks and francs and yen as well as dollars.

Alitalia pilots end strike

ROME, April 21 (R) — Alitalia flights resumed Tuesday following a seven-day pilots' strike over a pay claim, but air travel to and from Italy faced further disruption as air traffic controllers, ground staff and baggage handlers at Rome's two airports were staging a 24-hour strike Tuesday, causing checking in and boarding delays, Alitalia said.

Air traffic controllers said they would also stop work for four hours Thursday to back their demands.

To reduce the impact of the pilots' strike, the transportation ministry had drafted 300 pilots to ensure "essential" service. The ministry effectively conscripted the pilots into the military to make it illegal for them to strike. A prosecutor formally notified 38 pilots that they were under investigation after they refused to work after being drafted. They faced possible charges of conspiring to block a public service.

Japan to speed up defense buildup

TOKYO, April 21 (AP) — Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki has decided that Japan should achieve targets in its general defense buildup program by 1987, even though it could mean increasing military expenditures above the traditional level of one per cent of gross national product, officials said Tuesday.

Suzuki's announcement was the first time a prime minister was set the target date for the buildup outlined by the defense agency in 1976, and now the agency is expected to prepare a five-year (1983-1987) defense buildup estimate.

If the projected date is approved by the National Defense Council next week, Suzuki will brief U.S. President Ronald Reagan on details of the plan at a summit meeting in Washington in early May, press officials at Suzuki's official residence said.

Japanese dailies said that in order to realize the target in six years this country would have to boost defense spending beyond one per cent of the nation's GNP, an arbitrary ceiling

set by the government. Japan spends 0.9 per cent of its GNP for defense, compared with an estimated five per cent spent in the United States.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Kiichi Miyazawa said at a press conference Tuesday that the government has no immediate plan to increase defense expenditures over the one-per-cent limit.

The mass-circulation *Asahi* newspaper said that with the target year set, the defense agency would work out the five-year plan during the next year through negotiations with U.S. officials. Working-level meetings of U.S. and Japanese National Security Committee members are planned for Hawaii in June, and Defense Agency Director-General Joji, Omi is scheduled to meet U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger in Washington on June 29, the *Asahi* said. In 1977 defense agency switched to programs stressing basic defensive capabilities in local and small-scale foreign attacks.

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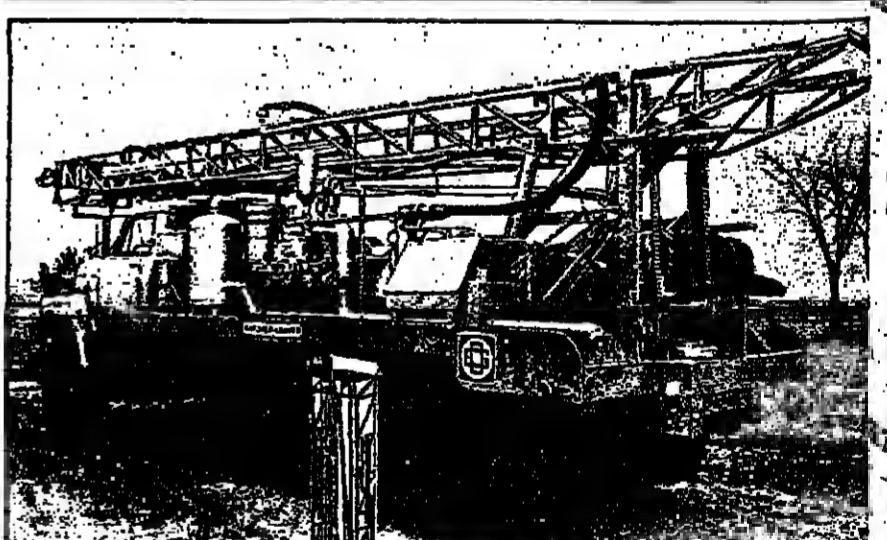
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FAO asks Mideast to boost agriculture

ROME, April 21 (R) — Wealthy countries in the Middle East are not spending enough on agricultural investment or giving adequate food aid to their poorer neighbors, the head of the U.N.'s Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) — said Tuesday.

Edouard Saouma, the FAO's director general, told the regional conference for the Middle East. "Large financial resources are now available for economic development in the region... however agriculture has not received its due share of investment allocations from these funds."

Arab ministers' talks open

KUWAIT, April 21 (AP) — A total of 20 Arab ministers of finance and economy opened a two-day meeting here Tuesday in their capacity as governors of the Kuwait-based Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development.

Some of the ministers will also take part in the meetings of the Arab Authority for Agriculture Development in Sudan and the Arab Foundation for Guaranteeing Investment, due to be held later this week in Kuwait. The Arab Fund's meeting is also attended by representatives from regional economic organizations and a Palestine Liberation Organization observer.

One-third of its financial resources for agricultural development, or with the European Economic Community, which devoted 40 per cent of its official aid for rural development, he said.

The near east co-operative program, under which richer countries helped the poorer, had yielded \$29 million of aid in the past five years, current projects had exhausted its funds so that it could not meet new requests, he said.

He said the food and agriculture situation in the Middle East showed "some improvement" in 1980 compared with 1979 and with other regions. "Nevertheless, the region, is still suffering from large variations in nutritional levels from one country to another and from a large trade deficit in food commodities," he added.

The meeting will review the fund's annual report for 1980 and approve projects for the future, a fund announcement said. The Arab ministers will also consider a new leading program involving a gross total of \$190 million for financing 14 new projects in member countries, a fund spokesman said.

One of the major questions on the agenda is a recommendation by the financial resources committee for doubling the fund's capital from \$1,520 to \$3,040 million, the spokesman added. Since its establishment in 1971, the fund extended 63 loans to 14 Arab states, totaling \$1.3 billion, the fund's annual report states.

U.S. banks hike rates to 17.5%

NEW YORK, April 21 (R) — Several major banks, including Bank of America, the nation's largest, raised their prime lending rates by half a per cent to 17.5 per cent.

Banking industry analysts said Monday the move reflected the higher cost of funds banks acquire in the money market. Analysts also said short-term rates in the money markets are likely to climb higher because of a sharp increase in the money supply.

The Federal Reserve Board reported last Friday that the money supply measure comprising cash in circulation and bank account deposits rose \$4.8 billion to \$428.7 billion.

London stock market
LONDON, April 21 (R) — Equities closed easier with last week's record levels attracting some profit taking and at 1500 hours the forward trading index was down 3.9 at 564.6 having touched 564.4.

Selling pressure was moderate and some short covering left a few issues above the day's lows. Falls on the day ranged to around 8p among leading issues, but government bonds rose as much as half a point to thin trading, dealers said. Gold shares and Canadian stocks closed mixed, while the U.S. issues moved higher.

London Commodities Closing Prices

Commodity	Price
Gold (8 per ounce)	486
Silver cash (pence per ounce)	529.50
1 month	544
Copper cash	844.30
3 months	864.50
Tin cash	6025
3 months	6122
Lead cash	353.50
3 months	362.74
Zinc cash	391.50
3 months	403.50
Aluminium cash	615
3 months	652.50
Nickel cash	2887.50
3 months	2945
Sugar May	100.50
Aug	103.50
Coffee May	1053.50
July	1057.50
Cocoa May	960.50
July	985.50

Note: Prices in pounds per metric ton except U.S. dollar per ounce.
 *These prices are provided by Saudi Research & Investment Ltd. P.O. Box 6474, Tel: 663468, JEDDAH.

Dollar, riyal lose ground

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, April 21 — Tuesday's European markets were in a constant state of activity all day with brisk dealing. With the release of the first quarter American economy growth figures of 6.5 per cent, the markets were fearful that dollar rates would soon decline thus affecting the dollar's attractiveness against the other currencies. The markets also noted that since the release of the American money supply figures last week, the Federal Reserve Board — the American central bank — had not pushed up its prime lending rate (Fed rate) beyond 15 1/2 per cent. The release of the 6.5 per cent growth in real national income came as a surprise to most observers who had expected a maximum growth of around three per cent and that was supposed to come much later on in the year. To put this released figure in perspective, economists generally figure four per cent growth as the so-called "break-even" point where the economy is just growing enough to provide jobs for new entrants to the employment market. Below that point unemployment starts to climb.

The financial markets translated these figures into an assessment that dollar interest rates will climb down. In fact, Eurodollar interest rates fell back from one-month levels of 17 1/2 — 17 1/4 to around 16 1/2 — 16 1/4 per cent. The three-month deposit rate for the dollar medium to long-term, usually a good indicator of rates, also eased

to 16 1/2 — 16 per cent. It is now touch and go whether more American banks will raise their prime rate to 17 1/2 per cent — the present level set by the largest bank.

On the exchanges, the dollar lost some ground on most currencies. The British pound was firmed at 2.1570, almost one cent up over Monday's Singapore levels. The French franc regained a lost of ground against the dollar rising to 5.1418 levels after touching an all-time low of 5.20 in Singapore and Tokyo markets on Monday. The Swiss franc and German mark were steady at Thursday's closing levels of 1.9855 and 2.1825 respectively, whilst the yen firmed slightly to 217.80 levels.

The local markets reflected European nervousness with spot riyal against the dollar jumping in the words of one local dealer, between 3.3505 — 15, to 3.3509 — 18 with quite active dealing coming locally and from Bahrain. Riyal did not fall as sharply as dollar interest rates and one-month JIBOR was quoted at 16 — 16 1/2 per cent with one year coming at 14 1/2 — 15 1/2 per cent. Most business was done in the short dates with local dealers not wanting to commit themselves to paying high prices for long periods in the expectation of a fall in the rates.

Tuesday's closing gold prices (in dollars per troy ounce):
London 485.75
Paris 518.18
Frankfurt 481.00
Zurich 480.50
Hong Kong 483.45

Libya to cut crude output

NICOSIA, April 21 (AFP) — Libya will reduce its oil output from the present level of around 1,600,000-1,700,000 barrels a day to 1,300,000-1,400,000 barrels a day by 1985, the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) said here.

The magazine, quoting Oil Minister Abdel Salam Zaguair, also said Libya hoped that increased oil searches would eventually result in rise in production.

Zaguair said Monday that an oil glut which depressed prices was not necessary and would be removed by a simple decision.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Tuesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.60	8.91
Belgian Franc (1,000)	94.00	100.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.81	3.20	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	155.00	155.00	153.90
Dutch Guilder (100)	140.00	142.00	138.35
Egyptian Pound	—	—	—
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	91.10	91.35
French Franc (100)	65.00	67.00	65.20
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	66.50
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.45
Iranian Rial (100)	—	8.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	31.00	31.10
Italian Lira (1,000)	15.50	15.50	15.55
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	10.30	10.26
Jordanian Dinar	—	12.22	12.16
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	83.80	83.85
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	70.00	69.30
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.00
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	44.00
Pound Sterling	7.29	7.30	7.26
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	92.00	92.20
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	158.25
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	38.10
Swiss Franc (100)	169.00	174.00	168.65
Syrian Lira (100)	—	52.50	52.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.35	3.36	3.3500
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	73.60	73.45

	Selling Price	Buying Price
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China makes clean sweep of T.T. titles

NOVI SAD, Yugoslavia, April 21 (R) — Communist China made a clean sweep of the team titles at the World Table Tennis Championships Monday night, winning the men's Swaythling Cup and the women's Corbillion Cup.

The Chinese women trounced South Korea 3-0 to win the title for the fourth successive time, while the men beat Hungary 5-2 to avenge their defeat by the Hungarians in the final of the previous championships in Pyongyang, North Korea, two years ago.

China's men have now won the Swaythling Cup seven times in the last 15 championships. The Hungarians, the European Champions, showed how they thrive on the big occasion with a characteristically combative effort which held their rivals to 2-2 at one stage.

But China's Nie Sukke, a 19-year-old student ranked eighth in the world, decisively tilted the balance by winning two of the last three singles which clinched the Cup.

Nie, a naturally aggressive player who usually contests his matches at a fierce pace, controlled his aggression Monday to produce a consistently effective display ideally suited to the occasion.

The Hungarians were given a heavy boost when former world singles champion Li Jinyer beat Shi Zhiwei, the Chinese No. 3, 21-17, 23-21 in the opening game. Gao Zhenhua hit back with a 21-19, 21-10 win over world No. 5 Tibor Klampar, and the pair China ahead for the first time when he edged out Gabor Gergely 21-17, 22-24, 22-20 after

a hard battle in the last set.

Klampar put the Hungarians back on terms by coming from behind to beat Shi 13-21, 21-17, 21-10. After Nie made it 3-2 with a 21-15, 21-19 success against Jonyer, Cai gained a crucial win over Gergely. The Chinese ended a close final set by reeling off six points in rapid succession to win 15-21, 21-16, 21-15.

Nie sealed China's triumph by beating Klampar 15-21, 21-16, 21-15, although the Hungarian saved four championship points.

Final Standings:
MEN: 1. China, 2. Hungary, 3. Japan, 4. Czechoslovakia, 5. France, 6. England, 7. Yugoslavia, 8. Poland, 9. South Korea, 10. North Korea, 11. Sweden, 12. Italy, 13. West Germany, 14. Soviet Union, 15. Indonesia, 16. Australia, 17. Denmark, 18. U.S., 19. Hong Kong, 20. Romania, 21. Bulgaria, 22. Nigeria, 23. Austria, 24. Netherlands, 25. Finland, 26. India, 27. Wales, 28. Malaysia, 29. Norway, 30. Israel, 31. Switzerland, 32. Egypt.

WOMEN: 1. China, 2. South Korea, 3. North Korea, 4. Soviet Union, 5. West Germany, 6. Romania, 7. Hungary, 8. Sweden, 9. Japan, 10. Czechoslovakia, 11. Yugoslavia, 12. England, 13. Finland, 14. France, 15. Hong Kong, 16. India, 17. Netherlands, 18. Austria, 19. Bulgaria, 20. Canada, 21. Poland, 22. Denmark, 23. Luxembourg, 24. Malaysia, 25. Belgium, 26. Indonesia, 27. New Zealand, 28. U.S., 29. Australia, 30. Italy, 31. Singapore, 32. Ireland.

BRIEFS

OUTLON PARK, England, (AFP) — Former world champion Barry Stone guided Britain to an emphatic victory over the United States in the 11th Transatlantic Trophy three-day annual Motorcycle meeting here Monday, winning by a massive 128 points.

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, (R) — Marina Sagorova, a 20-year-old Soviet fencer, won the women's junior World Foli Championship Monday by beating West German Christiane Wulfer in the final bout.

HICKSTEAD, England, (AP) — David Broome of Britain established himself as one of the favorites for the World Cup by winning the Kerrygold Championship at the Hickstead International Show Jumping meet Monday.

TAERNABY, Sweden, (AFP) — Soviet Alpine skier Alexander Zhirov beat Swedish slalom specialist Ingemar Stenmark in the final special slalom here Monday in a series of Easter Slalom Races between top skiers from the USSR and Scandinavian countries.



ALL JOY: German players Holger Meitinger (16) and Harold Krein (right) express their joy after Vladimir Vascenko (covered by Holland's Georg Peterhousek No. 9) scored the fourth goal for West Germany against Holland in the World Ice Hockey Championship Sunday. Sprawled on the ice is Holland goalkeeper Ted Lensen.

Sweden scores upset victory

GÖTEBORG, Sweden, April 21 (AFP) — Sweden consolidated its chances of a medal in the World Ice Hockey Championships here Monday when they surprised Canada 3-1. The period scores were 0-1, 2-0, 1-0.

Canada, shot into the lead in the first period, but later could do little to increase their lead.

In another match, the Soviet Union took a decisive step toward the title when they defeated Czechoslovakia 8-3.

The Soviets, determined to revenge their upset at the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics where they finished runnerup to the United States, won 5-1, 0-1, 3-1.

They are the only unbeaten team in the medals pool with six points. They beat Sweden 4-1 and then Canada 8-2, Sweden is second with three points.

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Sandy Mayer gives McEnroe a fright

LOS ANGELES, April 21 (AP) — John McEnroe needed more than two hours to get the better of fellow countryman Sandy Mayer 6-7, 6-3, 6-3 Monday night to win the singles title of the rain-delayed \$75,000 Jack Kramer Tennis Tournament.

Mayer won the first over the tie breaker. But McEnroe the second-ranked singles player in the world, came back to earn the \$15,000 top prize. Mayer collected \$7,500.

Each player broke the other's service once in the first set to force the tie-breaker.

In the second set, Mayer broke in the second game to take a 2-0 lead but the 22-year-old McEnroe broke back in the third game, again in the fifth, and third time in the ninth to win the set.

In the third set, there was only one service break — McEnroe broke his 29-year-old opponent in the fourth game.

The match which lasted two hours, 11 minutes, was delayed nearly an hour by light rain.

Meanwhile, second-seeded Harold Solomon breezed to a 6-3, 6-2 victory over unseeded Vince Van Patten Monday in a first-round singles match of the \$340,000

Alan King-Cesar's Palace Tennis Classic. Two other seeded players won first-round matches — No. 3 Vitas Gerulaitis whipped unseeded Veteran John Newcombe of Australia 6-3, 6-2, and No. 7 Brian Gottfried downed unseeded Hank Pfister 6-1, 6-4.

Mehta deposed

NAIROBI, April 21 (R) — Kenyan Shekhar Mehta, who was Monday declared the winner of the Safari Motor Rally, appeared to have victory snatched from him Tuesday when the rally committee decided to award Finland's Rauno Aaltonen first place.

Aaltonen lodged an appeal immediately after the finish and the organizers told a press conference Tuesday they had decided he was the outright victor of the four-day rally. But Mehta, Aaltonen's works Datsun teammate, has made a counter appeal.

Mehta, according to provisional results at the end of the 5,000 kilometers event, won the Safari for a fourth time with a penalty of 219 points.

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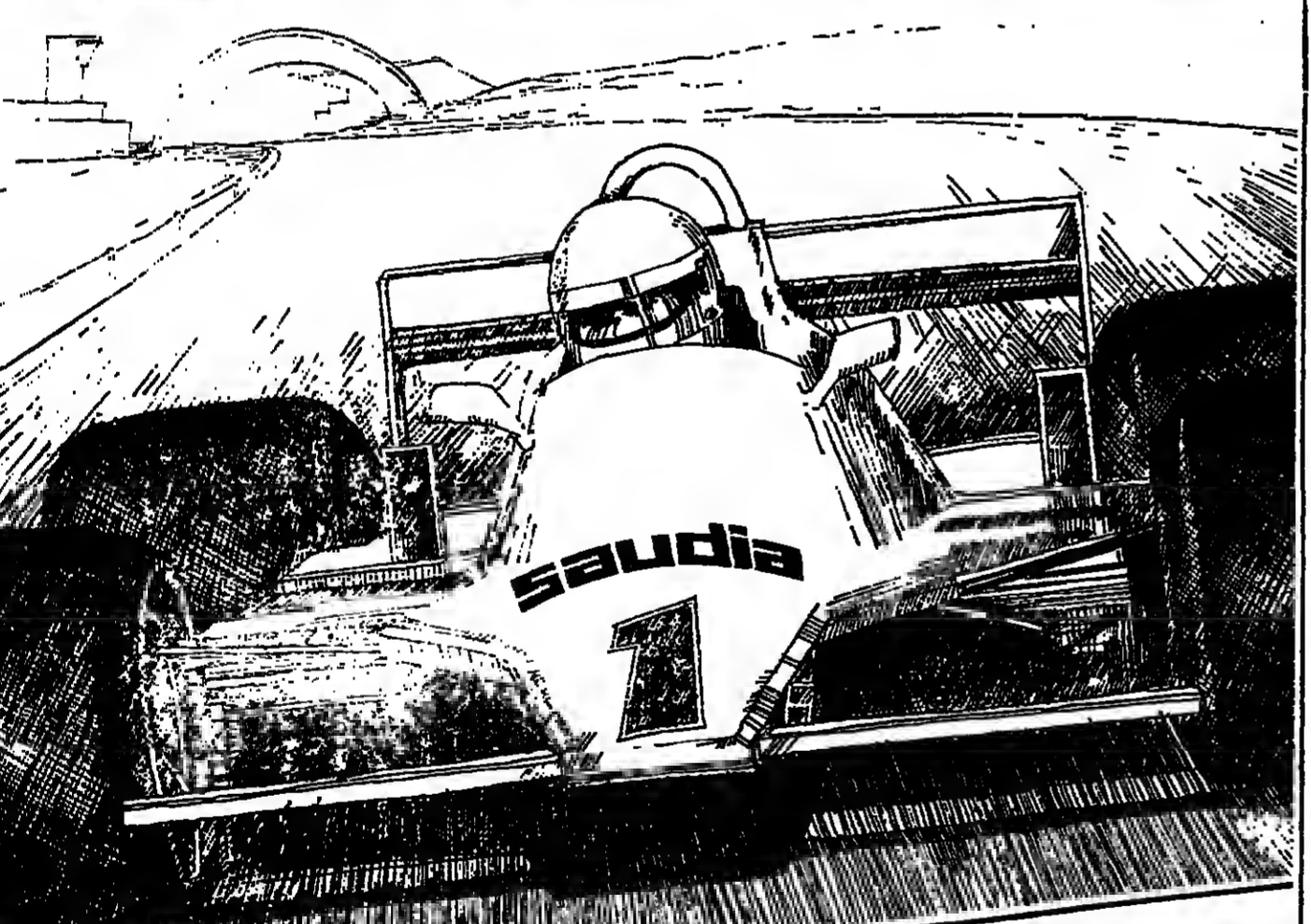
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Steve new snooker champ

SHEFFIELD, England, April 21 (R) — Britain's Steve Davis, the man with snooker's most famous surname, won the World Professional title Monday night when he completed an 18-12 victory over compatriot Doug Mountjoy in the best-of-35-frame final.

It was his first World Championship success but the 24th time the name 'Davis' has appeared on the roll of honor. The late Joe Davis and his brother Fred won 23 times between them.

The new champion, who is 23, is on a relation but the manner of his performances over the past two weeks suggests that 'Davis' could appear on the trophy for a long time to come.

Leading 10-8 overnight, Davis shared the eight morning frames with his Welsh opponent to get within four frames of victory. Mountjoy won a tight final frame of that session to get back to 14-12, but the pressure Davis might have felt evaporated during the interval and he took the necessary frames with immaculate breaks of 84, 119, 44 and 49.

Davis had to beat four "world champions" to reach the final, 1980 World Amateur champion Jimmy White, 1972 Professional champ Alex Higgins, 1979 title-winner Ernie Griffiths and defending champion Cliff Thorburn of Canada. He collected £20,000 (\$43,000) for winning.

Kuwait fancied

KUWAIT, April 21 (R) — Hosts Kuwait are favored to win the World Soccer Cup Asian qualifying Group Three tournament starting Tuesday.

They face Malaysia, South Korea and Thailand, with the top team going on to battle other qualifying Group winners for a place in next year's World Cup Finals in Spain.

Kuwait narrowly failed to qualify in the last World Cup but have been on strong form since sweeping to victory late last year in the Asian Cup.

Their toughest opposition will come from Malaysia, whose coach Karl Hanz told reporters he thought his team had an even chance of winning the group.

The tournament begins with Malaysia playing South Korea Tuesday.



ON THE MOVE: Nearly 7,000 official entrants begin the long trek to Boston, a distance of 26 miles 385 yards in the Boston Marathon. (Right): Jim Martinson of Washington, raises his arms in victory as he approaches the finishing line to win the wheelchair division Monday.



(Wikipedia)

Japanese wins Boston Marathon

BOSTON, April 21 (AP) — Japan's Yoshihiko Seko took command on the back-slopes of punishing Heartbreak Hill, then kicked away from American mid-distance ace Craig Virgin and four-time winner Bill Rodgers to win the 85th Boston Marathon Monday.

The 24-year-old Seko, undefeated at the marathon distance since 1979, finished in an unofficial time of 2 hours, 9 minutes and 26 seconds, which if verified would break Rodgers' 1979 U.S. and Boston record of 2:09:27.

Virgin was second in 2:10:6. The 33-year-old Rodgers lagged in third at 2:10:34, frustrated in his bid for an unprecedented fourth consecutive Boston crown.

In cool weather that Rodgers usually turns to his advantage, Seko pounded ahead after he and Virgin dueled neck-and-neck on the cruel hill about six miles from the finish.

Seko "knew where he (Rodgers) was but he wanted to keep his own pace," an interpreter explained as Seko recounted his strategy.

Seko and Rodgers, the pre-race favorites, figured to make a run at the world record of 2:08:33, set by Derek Clayton in

Belgium 12 years ago, as they started in a field of nearly 7,000 in cool, overcast weather in Hopkinton, west of Boston.

However, the pair elected to stay a little off the pace as veteran Gary Fanelli became a "rabbit" and led the pack. Fanelli lost his lead shortly after the mid-way mark, and other challengers began to fade after 18 miles.

Allison Roe of New Zealand set a women's Boston record in her debut. She ran the route

in 2:26:45, shattering the record of 2:34:28 by Canada's Jacqueline Gareau last year.

Patti Catalano, the queen of U.S. women distance runners, was second in 2:27:51, followed by 1979 Boston winner Joan Benoit, in 2:30:15, Julia Shea, 2:30:38, and Gareau in 2:31:26.

Jim Martinson rolled to a quick lead, then avoided a collision with a horse to win the wheelchair event of the marathon.

How They Finished

1. Yoshihiko Seko (Japan)	2:09:26
2. Craig Virgin (U.S.)	2:10:06
3. Bill Rodgers (U.S.)	2:10:34
4. John Ludwick (U.S.)	2:11:33
5. Malcolm East (U.S.)	2:11:55
6. Jukka Toivola (Finland)	2:11:52
7. Dennis Riddle (U.S.)	2:12:01
8. David Chatfield (Britain)	2:12:23
9. Kyle Haffner (U.S.)	2:12:31
10. Victor Mear-Garcia (Colombia)	2:12:55
11. Greg Meyer (U.S.)	2:13:07
12. Jouni Kortelainen (Finland)	2:13:14
13. Norman Wilson (Britain)	2:13:16
14. Walter Sauer (U.S.)	2:13:30
15. Randy Thomas (U.S.)	2:13:48

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The Bread-and-Butter Hands

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 ♥AK4
 ♦AKQ
 ♣K1083

EAST
 ♠42
 ♥6532
 ♦1043
 ♣J976

SOUTH
 ♠108752
 ♥QJ7
 ♦866
 ♣AQ

The bidding:
 West North East South
 Pass 2♣ Pass 2NT
 Pass 3NT Pass 6NT

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
 You'll get some good advice now, but it may be difficult to implement it at present. Ethical questions may be a cause for argument.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
 A conservative course is your best bet in business now. Avoid a temptation to make foolish moves. Others are subtle in their methods.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 Don't let a social situation cause an argument between you and a loved one. Flirtatious tendencies could arouse jealousy.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 A family member may be extravagant. Minor hassles on the job prove frustrating. Avoid arguments with higher-ups and relatives.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
 Others may promise more than they deliver. Be sure to follow through on commitments. Keep priorities in mind. Don't waste time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
 You may be irritated about household expenses. In your desire to get away from it all,

don't plan a trip you can't afford.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
 Ego can get in the way of effective communication. Watch credit-card spending. The tendency now is to spend beyond your budget.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
 Daily expenses may mount up. Avoid a nagging attitude with loved ones. Impatience could cause you to act prematurely. Be steadfast.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
 Don't let things slide at work. Avoid carelessness and taking too much for granted. Children may get on your nerves. Downplay ego.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
 You're inclined to self-indulgence now. You simply cannot ignore responsibilities. A family member's nagging could get to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
 Rely on older unflappable types. Petty irritations could arise among friends, especially with those who are immature or irresponsible.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
 Your mind's on status and recognition, and consequently you could overlook some practical considerations. Don't ask for a raise.

Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Planted
 6 Muslim prayer
 11 Maltreat
 12 Dennis the Menace's mother
 13 Shakespeare's spelling of "hurry!"
 14 Marble
 15 — and Fox
 16 German article
 18 Except
 19 Measuring apparatus
 21 Nonsense (sl.)
 22 Languish
 23 Network
 24 Trod the boards
 26 Heads
 27 Dormouse
 28 Italian river
 29 Religious vestments
 30 Puccini heroine
 32 Flat (mus.)
 33 Hit
 34 Thirst quencher
 36 Soviet lake
 38 Prevent (law)
 40 Dissuade

DOWN

42 Praise (Fr.)
 43 Giggle
 1 Voice
 2 Direction on ship
 3 Prone
 4 Written letter
 5 Blind alley
 6 European river
 7 Math study (abbr.)
 8 Prone
 9 Set in motion
 10 Grows
 11 Incisors

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

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 UYEU BM LYI BU BM MC
 BVUAPAMUBVW. — EWEUYE NYPEMUBA

Yesterday's Cryptquote: A COLLEGE EDUCATION DOES NOT MAKE AN EDUCATED MAN.—MORTIMER ADLER

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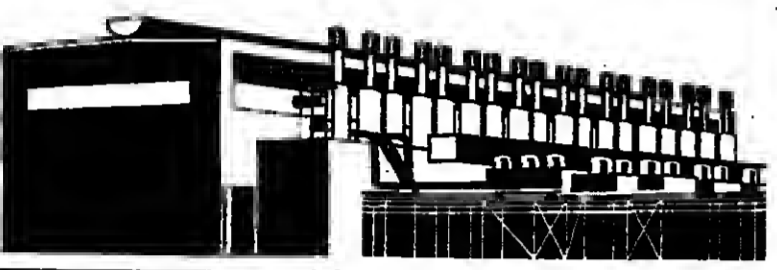
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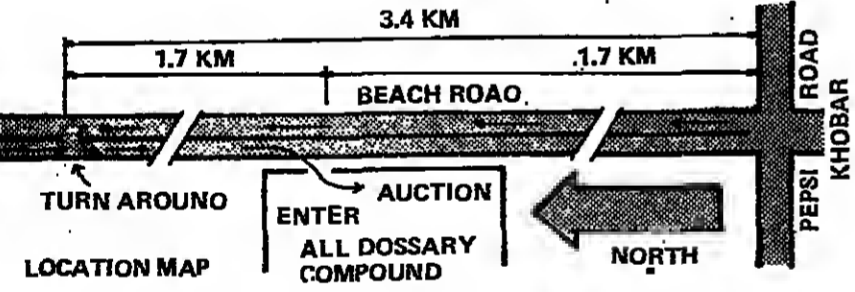
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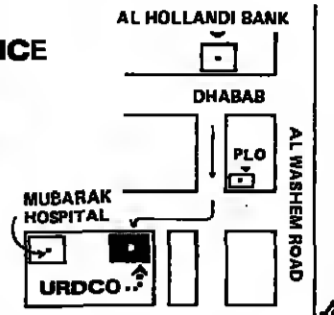
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Ship sinking

U.S. clarification dissatisfies Japan

TOKYO, April 21 (Agencies) — The Japanese Foreign Ministry said Tuesday that the United States "has not explained to our satisfaction" events surrounding the sinking of a Japanese freighter in a collision with a U.S. nuclear submarine in the East China Sea — despite a U.S. acceptance of liability for the mishap.

A foreign Ministry spokesman said U.S. guarantees that "all appropriate claims" will be satisfactorily negotiated "showed the U.S. government's good faith in coping with the incident." He added, however, that Tokyo still seeks clarification of events following the April 9 collision between the Polaris missile-equipped submarine *George Washington* and the 2,350-ton freighter *Nissho Maru*. Thirteen of the ship's crew survived but the captain and one crewman are dead.

Their bodies have been picked up by a fishing boat near Yakushima Island, Maritime Safety Agency (MSA) officials said Tuesday.

According to the agency, the body of Sumio Matsunaga, 42, first mate aboard the

freighter, was found floating in the sea off Yaku Island, 1,000 kms southwest of Tokyo. Shortly afterward, the body of Cap. Taizo Noguchi, 51, was found drifting 30 meters off the island, the agency said.

The foreign ministry official said the sinking of the ship "has not been explained to our satisfaction." "We don't know what actually took place, why a rescue operation was not immediately conducted and why a report was not made immediately after the collision." The American admission of liability was conveyed to Japan in a meeting Monday between U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Japanese Ambassador Yoshio Okawara in Washington. It was publicly announced later in the day.

Japanese lawyers have estimated that total damages for the loss of the vessel and its cargo of cotton, as well as claims filed on behalf of the dead and 13 survivors, would total about \$4.2 million.

A statement issued in Washington said the navy was limited by U.S. law to paying \$one million for any single claim, and any higher amount would need Congress' approval. It also said the liability and negotiated settlements would apply only to actual damages because punitive damages and reparations are not recoverable under admiralty law.

The navy's brief statement Monday said that accepting liability was not the same as pinning blame on the skipper of the submarine or any of its crew. The navy, said Secretary John Lehman, "accepts liability" in order to preclude lengthy litigation and to permit the navy to enter promptly into negotiations with all involved parties.

Shahi, Haig discuss aid

WASHINGTON, April 21 (R) — Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi have conferred for about four hours on proposed new U.S. aid for Pakistan. As the talks proceeded, the Soviet news media attacked possible closer security arrangements between the United States and Pakistan as a threat to Pakistan's neighbors — India, Afghanistan and Iran.

Shahi declined to talk to reporters Monday after the State Department talks and officials said only that the discussions had been wide-ranging. He is scheduled to meet Haig again as well as Vice President George Bush.

Monday's meeting was the first top-level contact between the Reagan administration and Pakistan's military government, which is seeking to buy U.S. arms at discount prices. "We pretty much covered the waterfront," said one participant in the talks, adding that some decisions might be made, depending on the progress of the discussions.

A State Department official told reporters last Friday not to anticipate any early decisions because the U.S. relationship with Pakistan was expected to develop slowly. The administration is reported to have offered Pakistan \$500 million in military and economic aid. Pakistan needs to improve its military forces but is also concerned about maintaining its nonaligned status, officials said.

Pakistan has strongly rebutted the suggestion it might become a conduit for U.S. arms to anti-Soviet forces in neighboring Afghanistan. In Moscow, the government newspaper *Izvestia* said Pakistan was showing "a tendency to be aggressive" toward Afghanistan and new weapons would encourage that country to new adventures against its neighbors.



ACADEMY TOUR: British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher Tuesday tours the Klag Faisal Royal Air Force Academy in Riyadh.

University reopening

2 killed in Iran clashes

TEHRAN, April 21 (R) — Two persons were killed and more than 20 wounded in incidents at Tehran University Monday involving left-wing militants and supporters of Iran's fundamentalist Islamic leadership, officials said Tuesday. The officials said a man and girl died in the incidents and hospital sources said 21 persons were detained for treatment. Five underwent surgery for knife and other wounds.

Newspapers said the incidents took place after a demonstration demanding the reopening of the university, closed at the start of an Islamic and anti-leftist "cultural revolution" launched a year ago. They said 200 members of the extreme-left Paykar group who staged the demonstration clashed with groups of "Hezbollah" members of the so-called

"Party of God" and militant supporters of hard-line Islamic leaders.

Several newspapers said a young Paykar girl tried to throw a home-made grenade but that it had exploded prematurely, injuring her and some of her companions. The injured were taken to hospital, where they gave false names, and some of them were detained.

According to the newspapers, Paykar members then tried to rescue their colleagues by putting on overalls and posing as medical staff. More snuff developed, during which another grenade was thrown, killing the man and woman, the newspapers said.

Groups of Hezbollah Tuesday patrolled the university area, shouting slogans against the Paykars, but no further incidents were reported.

80 injured in London rioting

LONDON, April 21 (R) — Residents in three areas of London were clearing up Tuesday after hundreds of youths, most of them black, rioted at holiday fairs, injuring more than 80 persons, including at least 50 police officers.

But the government-funded commission for racial equality said the violence was not connected with the riots in the multiracial South London district of Brixton 10 days ago in which some 150 police officers were injured and more than 200 persons arrested.

The violence began Monday night at Fairgrounds at Finsbury Park in north London, Wanstead in east London and Ealing Common in west London, spreading to surrounding streets, police said. The worst incidents were at Finsbury Park where several hundred black youths smashed lightbulbs and windows and then began throwing stones and other missiles at police.

Scotland Yard deputy assistant commissioner John Ratley said: "From the park they

ran into the streets and various splinter groups began stoning police, attacking passers-by, breaking windows and stealing from shops."

Police arrested 91 persons and 32 members of the public were taken to hospital with injuries. Ratley said there were similar disturbances at Ealing Common and Wanstead where 200 to 300 black youths broke shop windows and damaged police vehicles. Sixteen arrests were made.

"The attacks appear to have been indiscriminate as not only police officers but also passers-by were attacked," Ratley said. There has been trouble at London Fairgrounds on previous holidays but police said it had never been as bad as this.

Barbados-born Jeff Crawford, senior community relations officer for Haringey Borough which includes Finsbury Park, said that high unemployment, blamed by many community leaders for the Brixton riots, was not a root cause of Monday night's violence.

U.N. Namibian debate

America may veto sanctions move

UNITED NATIONS, April 21 (R) — African nations are to launch a drive in the Security Council to impose mandatory sanctions on South Africa to try to force it out of Namibia (Southwest Africa). If the proposed sanctions go to a vote, the United States, Britain and possibly France are likely to exercise vetoes, creating the first direct confrontation between African nations and the new Reagan administration.

A dozen African foreign ministers and several from other developing countries will attend the debate. South Africa's director-general of foreign affairs, Brand Fourie, will also request permission to participate. At the meeting in Algiers last week, foreign ministers of the nonaligned movement's 34-nation coordination bureau adopted a "program of action" for Namibian independence and said U.N.-imposed sanctions should include an oil embargo.

African representatives have prepared drafts which also call for reinforcement of an arms ban imposed by the Security Council in 1977.

The Security Council debate beginning Tuesday is likely to start with a skirmish over

whether to grant a hearing to Pieter Kalangua, president of the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (DTA), the main South African-backed political party in Namibia.

South Africa has repeatedly accused the United Nations of ignoring the DTA while according privileged status to the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), whose men are fighting a bush war against South African rule. If the DTA is barred from addressing the council, observers say it might reject all further dealings with the United Nations. This could mean an end to the 1978 independence plan, which includes U.N.-supervised elections in Namibia.

The council debate is expected to begin only a few hours before representatives of the five Western authors of the plan — the United States, Britain, Canada, France and West Germany — meet in London to seek a solution to the Namibia impasse. The council debate and the London talks follow the breakdown of a U.N. conference in Geneva in January aimed at setting the independence scheme in motion after repeated delays.

Soviets blame Zionists for turmoil in Poland

MOSCOW, April 21 (R) — A leading Soviet weekly Tuesday accused "Western Zionists" of subversion against Poland. This is the first time such an accusation has been made from Moscow in the nine months of Polish turmoil. *Literaturnaya Gazeta*, journal of the Writers' Union, said Western Zionist organizations were becoming more and more active in a campaign to subvert the foundations of socialism in Poland.

The article, published in advance by the official Tass news agency, was the latest in a series of sharply worded broadsides in the weekly against "the Solidarity trade union and "anti-socialist forces," in Poland.

Up to now the Soviet press has avoided any suggestion that "Zionists" might be responsible for stirring up counter-revolution in Poland, though such charges were widely made in Moscow in connection with the 1968 crisis in Czechoslovakia.

Thatcher rejects Sands' demand

BELFAST, April 21 (R) — The condition of jailed Irish guerrilla Bobby Sands, on the 52nd day of a hunger strike, worsened Tuesday as British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher rejected his demand to be treated as a political prisoner. Mrs. Thatcher also said she would not meet three parliamentarians from the Irish Republic who Monday spent more than an hour at Sands' sickbed in the Maze prison outside Belfast.

Sands, who was elected to the British parliament from his cell in a by-election on April 10, is campaigning for special status for jailed Irish Republicans, but the British authorities insist on treating them like other convicted criminals. Giving his latest state of health, a British government statement said, "deterioration previously noted in Sands' condition continues."

After meeting Sands in prison, the parliamentarians demanded an urgent meeting with Mrs. Thatcher to seek prison reforms in Northern Ireland. But the prime minister told a press conference in Saudi Arabia, where she is on an official visit, "it is not my habit or custom to meet MPs from a foreign country about a citizen of the United Kingdom resident in the United Kingdom."

She also said, "there can be no question of political status for someone serving a sentence for crime... I understand Sands is still on hunger strike and I regret he has decided not to come off it. There can be no possible concession on political status. To do that would put many people in jeopardy." Sands is serving 14 years for membership of the Irish Republican Army (IRA) and for illegal possession of firearms.

In Dublin, Dr. John O'Connell, one of the three MPs who visited Sands, said, "I thought she would have met us to try to ascertain whether there was some angle to the problem that the British government had not seen."

Dr. O'Connell said Monday he believed Sands, 27, had five or six days left to live. The IRA has threatened renewed violence if he should die, and retaliatory action by Protestant paramilitary groups is also expected.

Londonderry, Northern Ireland's second biggest city and comparatively peaceful for several years, has suffered nightly riots staged by Sands' sympathizers for nearly a week. Two youths were killed at the weekend when hit by a British army lorry in what police described as an accident. More than 100 petrol bombs were thrown at the army and police Monday night and 14 cars and buses were destroyed. But only one policeman and one soldier needed treatment for minor injuries, police said.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

The saying that you won't go before your allotted time has some evidence to support it.

There was this *matroso*, apparently who he fell foul of his chiefs, who promptly, and in accordance with accepted practice, put a contract out on him. He went into hiding in a hotel in Las Vegas — again according to accepted practice — and was duly located there.

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What they didn't know was that their errant comrade landed in the swimming pool right under his window, and got out and walked away to disappear again. "Back to the drawing board," sighed the bosses, "perhaps his time will come this time."

Then there is this young fellow standing on a bridge over the Mississippi, asking passing cars for a lift. A car stopped and he stepped in. It then moved right to the middle of the bridge, where the water is at its deepest and most dangerous, and stopped.

The two other occupants then, with neither an explanation nor a by-your-leave, seized the unfortunate hitchhiker and — you guessed it — defenestrated him. Right into the foaming deep. (They seem to have this thing about hitchhikers.)

They drove away content that their deed would be undetected. But the law was a champion swimmer and made it to the nearest telephone so that other hitchhikers may be spared.

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awsat

Afghan minister meets Gromyko

PRAGUE, April 21 (Agencies) — Afghan Foreign Minister Shah Muhammad Dc arrived here Tuesday for an official visit. The invitation of his Czechoslovak counterpart Bobuslav Choupek, the state news agency CTK reported.

Dost held talks Monday with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko during a stopover in Moscow on his way to Czechoslovakia. The official news agency Tass said they reaffirmed that proposals made last year by the Kabul government to reach a political settlement of the situation around Afghanistan remained in full force. The proposals last May envisaged direct negotiations between Afghanistan and its neighbors Iran and Pakistan.

Tass said Dost and Gromyko agreed the governments were ready to discuss the international aspects of the Afghan problem in connection with the issue of Gulf security.

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